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U. S. CALL TO NATIONALS

Precautionary Measure

HULL'S STATEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 13.

A second warning to American citizens in Japan to leave the country "in their own interests, in the interests of their country and in national interests," has been issued by the American Consul in Tokio.

The first warning was issued by the Consulate in October last.

Precautionary Measure

Americans are advised to leave the Far East, according to Mr. Cordell Hull, the United States Secretary of State, who today said that United States Consular Officers were advising United States citizens to leave Far Eastern countries as a precautionary measure in view of the disturbed conditions.

The statement followed the publication of dispatches from Tokyo and Shanghai saying that all women and children and all men able to do so have been urgently advised to leave.

American Oil To Japan

WASHINGTON.—The export of oil and petrol to Japan will come under indirect control as the result of a presidential ruling issued on Wednesday laying down that export licences will be required from 15th February for the shipment abroad of metal containers of over five-gallons capacity containing or intended to contain oil or petrol.

Japan, lacking in sufficient tankers, has been importing oil in large containers.—Reuter.

ITALIANS DISLODGED

Futile Counter-Attacks: Greeks Continue To March Forward

ATHENS, Feb. 13.

Local engagements on heights were crowned with success, says a Greek 'communique.' It adds: "The enemy were dislodged from their positions and some prisoners were captured.

General Caballero, the Italian Commander-in-Chief in Albania, delivered his fiftieth counter-attack on Tuesday according to the Greek Press Ministry quoted by the Athens radio, adding that these counter-attacks, which have been a distinctive feature of Italian strategy since General Caballero took over from General Soddu on January 13, have not resulted in the recapture of any ground previously taken by the Greeks, whose advance continues slowly and steadily day by day.

In yesterday's operations in Albania, air activity again took the most prominent place. North of Klisura, in the central sector, Greek aircraft successfully dropped many high explosive bombs on enemy positions, while Greek fighter aircraft engaged Italian bombers over Klisura and shot down one in flames behind Italian lines.

ENEMY SUSTAINS HEAVY LOSSES.

Shortly afterwards, an enemy fighter was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed behind Greek lines. The Italian squadrons then flew off. Considerable advance was made by Greek forces in the coastal area and this is being pushed forward, Italian losses in this operation being heavy. In the northern area, a 1,500 feet high peak was cleared of all enemy detachments and has come under Greek control.

Pacific 'Blitz-Krieg'

JAPANESE ATTACK ON SINGAPORE IMMINENT

Dutch Indies Minister Confers With U. S. State Secretary

AUSTRALIAN WAR COUNCIL MEETS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

Concern is evidenced in some diplomatic quarters here at the possibility that Japan is preparing for a lightning thrust at Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies.

In other diplomatic quarters it is said that reports of a disturbing nature concerning possible Japanese plans for moves in Southern Pacific have been received.

NEW PHASE OF WAR

These coincide with the official statement just issued by Mr. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, and Mr. Curtin, Australian Labour Leader, after a meeting of the Australian Advisory War Council that the war had "moved into a new stage involving utmost gravity."

The Netherlands Minister, Dr. Loudon conferred with Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, this morning.

New Base For Operations

Hainan is being actively prepared by the Japanese as a base for operations southwards, according to a Shanghai message to the independent French news agency. From a very reliable source, it is learnt that five infantry divisions, a fleet squadron with an aircraft carrier, and 300 bombers are at present concentrated at the island where transports are daily disembarking troops from Dairen and Kwangtung.

It is believed that a note sent by Mr. Matsuoka on February 3 to Major General Ott, German Ambassador in Tokyo, pointed out the importance of the preparations undertaken at Hainan and intimated that Japan could not intervene south before their completion. The message to the French agency has drawn attention to the strategic importance of Hainan which simultaneously threatens Hongkong, the Philippines, Indo-China and Singapore.—Reuter.

CHINA CAN AID IN DEFENCE OF SINGAPORE

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13.

China's part in possible further developments in the Pacific is being so eagerly discussed here as to push the China War into the background.

It is realised that the future of the world now depends on whether Britain can hold out in Europe against a German onslaught and whether the combined British and United States forces in the Far East can defeat any eventual Japanese drive in Southern Pacific.

The report that a fresh evacuation advice has been given to United States citizens in the Far East has attracted much attention in Chungking.

Prominence has also been given to the statement made by President Roosevelt on Tuesday to the effect that if the United States were forced into a war in the Pacific it would not mean a curtailment of war supplies to Britain and added that he thought that there was no danger of the United States getting into the war.

GERMANY PROVOKES JAPAN

London cables mentioning the possibility of a Japanese move in

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HOUR OF DECISION HAS STRUCK!

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The hour of decision has struck for the Balkans, writes the Turkish Deputy, Mr. Younusnadi, in the journal "Jumhuriyet," according to an Istanbul despatch to the Newspapers.

The "Son Telegraph" in a leading article says: "It is time to ask Bulgaria to define her position and we must act accordingly."—Reuter.

Balkan 'Blitz' Preliminaries

Yugoslav Premier And Foreign Minister Fly To Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 13

According to an "Associated Press" report from Belgrade the Yugoslav Prime Minister and Foreign Minister left in a special plane for Germany at the invitation of the German Government.—Reuter.

Several Turkish Journalists Arrested In Rumania

BUCHAREST, Feb. 12.

The military guard on the British Legation here has been trebled. Several Turkish journalists are reported to have been arrested late on Tuesday night.

The Tense Balkan situation is being increasingly reflected in the developments in Rumania. The military guard on the British Legation has been trebled. Curfew order is being most strictly enforced. Anyone refusing to obey summons by guards on patrol will in future be shot.

Five thousand collapsible wooden barracks, each accommodating fifty men, have been ordered by the German military authorities.

The total production of glycerine has been placed at the disposal of the war office. Government control of maize stocks is being considered in order to provide for the needs of the army and home population. Exports can only be made at strict official prices.—Reuter.

Turko-Rumanian Agreement

BERLIN, Feb. 13.

Turkey is to receive 160,000 tons of petroleum from Rumania under an agreement just concluded between the two countries according to an Istanbul dispatch to the German News Agency.—Reuter.

NAZI AIRMEN IN BULGARIA

Premier Filov Explains Their Presence Is In Mutual Interests!

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Bulgarian Premier, Dr. Filov, is reported to have admitted last night that Nazi airmen are in Bulgarian air-fields "in the mutual interests of the two countries."

According to messages reaching here from Belgrade, 30,000 German troops are at present in Bulgaria.

Nazis Ready For Action In East Europe

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Travellers arriving at Istanbul from Bucharest estimate that German troops massed in the neighbourhood of the Black Sea port of Constantza at 50,000, reports the Independent French Agency. German anti-aircraft batteries are said to be standing ready especially for the defence of the only bridge across the Danube at Cernavoda.—Reuter.

BRITISH YOUTHS CALLED FOR SERVICE

LONDON, Feb. 13

Youths of 19 and just over, born between 1st January and 31st December, 1921 are to register for military service on Saturday, Ferbuary 22nd. This will be the first registration under the proclamation of January 29 extending the age limit to the men who had then reached the age of 18 but had not reached 41.—Reuter.

COL. DONAVAN IN BAGHDAD

BAGHDAD, Feb. 13

Col. Donovan—President Roosevelt's "personal representative"—has arrived here from Cairo on a brief visit. He is meeting the regent, Emir Abdullah, the British Ambassador, Sir Basil Newton, the Iraqi Prime Minister, Gen Taha-El-Hashimi, and the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Sayid Nagi-El-Asil.—Reuter.

Aerodromes For Defence

OTTAWA:—A system of aerodromes through Alberta and British Columbia leading to Alaska is being established by the Canadian Government as a defence measure at a cost of about two million sterling, it was announced today by Mr. C. G. Power, Minister of Defence and Air Minister.—Reuter.

POWER DID NOT VEST IN MINISTRIES

Rajen Babu Says People Should Vote For Congress Nominees

GORAKHPUR, Feb. 13.

Those who thought that the Congress had lost its hold on the masses, once the Ministers had resigned office, were mistaken, said Dr. Rajendra Prasad, speaking at an election meeting here yesterday, in support of the Congress candidate from the Gorakhpur-Benares Constituency.

Power did not vest with the Ministers, he added, but with the Congress, which sent its workers to offices. The by-election was being contested only to prove the claims of the Congress to speak for the country and he hoped that by voting for the Congress the voters would uphold these claims as well as the honour of the country.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad left for Patna the same evening.—A.P.

Franco On The Move

MEETS MUSSOLINI AND PETAIN

LONDON, Feb. 13

According to messages from Berne and Vichy, General Franco met Marshal Petain today on the Franco-Italian frontier.

VICHY: Marshal Petain received a warm welcome when he arrived at Frontier shortly after noon today, states the Havas Agency.

After greeting admiral Darlan and other Ministers Marshal Petain went to the prefecture to prepare to receive Gen. Franco and Senor Suner and Staff at a luncheon party in the prefecture.

Petain Receives Franco

MONTPELLIER, Feb. 13.

Marshal Petain received General Franco at the Prefecture here at 13-55 to-day.

After lunching together, the two leaders had a conversation lasting three hours.

General Franco was accompanied by his Foreign Minister Senor Suner and a suite composed of both Civilian and Military officials.

General Franco was received at Montpellier with military honours. —Reuter.

While General Franco and Marshal Petain were together a large crowd gathered outside the building and cheered loudly. Responding to demands they appeared on the balcony and were greeted with shouts of "Vive Franco, Vive Petain." Both were smiling.

Before General Franco entered his car the band played both the Spanish Anthem and the "Marseillaise."

During the afternoon Senor Suner, Spanish Minister, had a conversation with Admiral Darlan, French Foreign Minister and Vice-Premier.

Duce Bids Goodbye To Franco

ROME: Mussolini visited Gen. Franco at Bordiglera this morning to bid his guest farewell. Thereafter, Gen. Franco left for France. He was accorded military honours on his departure.

Identity Of Italo-Spanish Interests

MADRID: General Franco and Mussolini conferred at Bordighera on Wednesday, it is officially announced here.

The announcement says that the identity of Italian and Spanish viewpoints concerning the European problems and those which at the present historical moment are of interest to both countries was stressed at the conference, which lasted all morning and afternoon.

General Franco and Mussolini were in military uniform. According to the Rome correspondent of the Spanish News Agency both men showed emotion on meeting.

According to dispatches reaching here nothing is known about the subjects discussed except what was given in the communique, but it stated here that the discussions were carried on in the greatest cordiality.

What They Discussed

ZURICH: Evacuation of civilians from Abyssinia is considered as a likely subject to have been discussed between Mussolini and General Franco, according to the Vichy correspondent of the "Gazette of Lausanne".

This question involving as it does the utilisation of the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway which has its terminus in French Somaliland, also concerns France and is regarded by the correspondent as sufficient to explain the meeting between Marshal Petain and General Franco.

Political observers in Zurich incline to the view that Sgr. Mussolini probably sounded General Franco as to what help he would be able to afford to Italy.

Lease And Lend Bill Passes U. S. Senate Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee passed the Aid for Britain Bill by 15 votes to 8. The Bill will now go to the Senate.—

No Big Change

The measure passed by the Senate Committee is substantially the same as that passed by the House of Representatives.

A proposal to restrict the President's authority under the Bill to send armed forces out of the Western Hemisphere was rejected by the Committee.

The Senate debate will begin on Monday. It is hoped to restrict it to a fortnight.—Reuter.

Willkie Surprised At Knox's Statement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

More American destroyers could be sent to Britain without impairing the defences of the United States. This statement was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie on Wednesday night, who said he had been so advised by "high authorities".

Mr. Willkie made this statement to pressmen following the remark by Colonel Knox, Navy Secretary, earlier to-day that the United States "can spare no more destroyers."

Tribute To Churchill

NEW YORK.—Mr. Winston Churchill was described as "the greatest public figure in the world" by Mr. Wendell Willkie addressing a Lincoln birthday celebration meeting held under the auspices of the National Republican Club.

Mr. Willkie appealed to the Republican Party to lead the fight to aid Britain.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Demand For Expediting Ship Building Programme

President Roosevelt has asked Congress for 898,393,000 dollars in cash and contract authorisation to expedite the ship building programme and carry out vast expansion of the fleet's shore facilities. The sum includes 4,700,000 dols. to establish fleet operation facilities and bomb proof shelters on Guam Island in the Southern Pacific and 5,075,000 dols. for similar purposes at Guantanamo in Cuba.—Reuter.

German Control Of Defence Industries

"Startling instances" of German Control of the Defence Industries were alleged by Mr. Thurman Arnold, Assistant Attorney-General to-day (Wednesday) before the Federal Monopoly Committee.

"We are constantly uncovering startling instances of German Control of Defence Industries as well as illegal price-fixing among American concerns", he said. Foreign companies had taken out patents, he asserted and entered into cartel arrangements in the United States on essential war material "for the purpose and with the effect of blocking American development and creating serious shortages".—Reuter.

ITALO-GERMAN FRONTIER CLOSED

LONDON, Feb. 12.

The German-Italian frontier is reported to be closed to travellers except official missions according to news received by the Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

Travel bureaus have been informed that all visas for Italy have been cancelled since Monday.—Reuter.

RAJPIPLA SENSATION

Loksabha Declared Illegal: Premises Raided: Sanads Of Pleaders Cancelled

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

RAJPIPLA, Feb. 13.

A veritable bombshell has burst in Rajpipla State, no less than five special orders have been issued by H.H. the Maharaja, declaring (1) The Loksabha to be an "illegal" body; (2) The work transacted at the Loksabha buildings being declared "illegal", the premises have been searched and the books and documents belonging to the Sabha have been confiscated. (3) "Loksabha Samachar" and the "Prachar Patrika" have been declared "illegal" ; (4) The Sanads of the leading vakils who were taking part in the Sabha's activities have been confiscated.

All these Orders have been published in the State Gazette, dated 11-2-41.

After the promulgation of these Orders, residences of leaders have been searched and files, lists of members, etc., were seized.

The suddenness of this move on the part of the State has amazed and alarmed the general public.

Arrangements are being made to call an urgent special meeting of the Working Committee of the Loksabha. Meanwhile negotiations and consultations to do the needful are taking place. The founder and Chief Secretary of the Loksabha has gone to Muttra on a pilgrimage. He is being duly informed of the State of affairs. Negotiations are also going on between Wardha on the one side and the leaders, who are still out of jail, on the other.

ORDER

The following is the text of one of the Orders issued over the signature of "Vijaysinh," Maharaja of Rajpipla State:—

"SANADS ARE GIVEN TO THOSE SUBJECTS OF THE STATE—WHO ARE RESIDENT IN THE STATE AND WHO HAVE PASSED THE LAW EXAMINATIONS—ON THE DISTINCT UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY DO NOT TAKE PART IN ANY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE INIMICAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE AND THEY BEHAVE THEMSELVES WELL. BUT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW THAT FOR SOME TIME PAST SOME OUT OF THOSE VAKILS HOLDING THE SANADS HAVE BEEN INDULGING IN UNDESIRABLE ACTIVITIES. IT SEEMS SOME OF THESE HAVE MADE IT, AS IT WERE, THEIR BUSINESS TO CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING AGAINST THE STATE, AND CAUSE DISAFFECTION AND SPREAD DISCONTENT AMONG THE PEOPLE IN GENERAL. SO THE SANADS OF THE FOLLOWING VAKILS ARE DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN CANCELLED:— (1) VAKIL SURAJRAM DHANSUKHRAM; (2) VAKIL VINAYAKRAO BALASHANKER; (3) VAKIL GANPATISHANKER PURUSHOTTAMDAS; (4) VAKIL KANTILAL CHHOTALAL."

PILOT KILLED IN AIR CRASH

MADRAS, Feb. 13

A fatal plane crash occurred this morning in Madanapuram a village near Madras resulting in the death of the pilot Mr. Selvaraja Muthia, a pupil undergoing training in aviation under the Government subsidised scheme.

It appears that the pilot was flying solo this morning at about six o'clock near Madanapuram when the plane crashed.—A. P.

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INDIAN STORES DEPARTMENT. TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF PURCHASE, Indian Stores Department, Bombay, invites tenders for the supply of twine, roping, flax, spun yarn, coir, log lines, gunny bags, etc. Tender forms No. BX.977 may be obtained from him on payment of Rs. 3/- in cash. Tenders will be opened on 21st February, 1941.

(4336)

NOTICE.

TENDERS ARE INVITED and will be received by the Chief Officer upto 4 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 21st February, 1941, for resurfacing of the Asphalt road from Station to Clock Tower in the city.

Tender forms, specifications etc. can be obtained from the office of the Undersigned on payment of Rs. 2|- per set. Rs. 200|- as earnest money must be submitted along with the tender.

The Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

M. C. MEHTA.
Municipal Engineer,
Surat Borough Municipality.
Municipal Office,
Surat, 12-2-41.

(4331)

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, invites tenders for reconditioning of scrap brass boring quality No. 2 available at the Mechanical Stores Depot, Parel. Samples of the scrap to be reconditioned not exceeding 5 lbs. each can be purchased for test purposes from the District Controller of Stores, Mechanical Stores Depot, Parel, at the rate of Rs. 45 per cwt. Tender forms obtainable from the Controller of Stores' Office at Rs. 2 per copy which amount will not be refunded. Payment by cheque, postal orders and postage stamps will not be accepted. Closing date Wednesday, the 5th March 1941 at 3 P.M. (S.T.).

4296.

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, G.I.P. Rly. at the Printing Press, Byculla, invites tenders for printing and supplying Goods Tariffs Parts I-A and I-B. Tender forms and samples obtainable from the office of the Distt. Controller of Stores "Genl." G.I.P. Rly. Printing Press, Byculla, on payment of Rs. 4/-/- per set which amount will not be refunded. Payment by cheques, Postal Orders or Postage Stamps will not be accepted. Closing Date 3rd March 1941, at 2 P.M. (S.T.).

4297.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY.

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for each port from Local dealers for supply T.I.B. of Coal to R.I.N. during the period from 1-4-41 to 31-3-42.

Tender Forms and Instructions to Tenderers can be obtained from the following Officer for each port.

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(2) SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, KEAMARI, **KARACHI.**

(3) SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, Old High Court Buildings, 1st Line Beach, **MADRAS.**

(4) SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, **VIZAGAPATAM.**

(5) NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE Willingdon Island Post Office. **COCHIN.**

NAVAL HEADQUARTERS.
Bombay, 14th February, 1941.

(4320)

G.I.P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE GENERAL MANAGER, Bombay, invites tenders for the supply of timber required for the year 1941-42. Tender form obtainable from the Railway's Controller of Stores, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 5 per copy which amount will not be refunded. Payment by cheques, postal orders and postage stamps will not be accepted. Closing date 14th March, 1941, at 3 P.M. (S.T.).

4319.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that one Certificate for one Share No. 23235 of the Tapti Valley Railway Company Limited, standing in the name of Pushkarlal Thakordas Tarmaster, executor of Late Mr. Toolsidas Tribhowandas has been lost or mislaid. The public are hereby warned against purchasing or dealing with the above Certificate in any way but are requested to give information about the same to the undersigned.

PUSHKARLAL THAKORDAS TARMASTER,
Executor of Late Mr. Toolsidas Tribhowandas,
Balaji Road, Surat.

4329.

THE UNION BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

NOTICE.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will remain CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 22nd February, to WEDNESDAY, the 12th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
B. M. BHARGAVA.
Secretary.

Bombay, 13th Feb. 1941.

(4335)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male non-Muslim candidates other than members of the Scheduled Castes to fill a post of Assistant Fibre Expert in the Bengal Lower Agricultural Service. Pay Rs. 150-650. Age ordinarily not more than 25. Qualifications:—M.Sc. in Botany with research experience in Plant-breeding. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5|-, 23th February, 1941.

(4334)

THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, will be held at the CENTRAL BANK BUILDINGS, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 1st day of MARCH, 1941, at 12 Noon (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive the Report of the Directors and the Audited Accounts for the period ending 31st December, 1940.
2. To declare a Dividend and a Bonus.
3. To elect Sir Ardeshir Dalal who vacates his seat under Article 86 of the Articles of Association and who is eligible for re-election.
4. To elect three Directors in place of those who retire by rotation under Article 94 of the Articles of Association read with Regulation 78 of Table "A" of the Indian Companies Act and who are eligible for re-election.
5. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
6. To do such other work as may be placed before the Meeting by the Chairman.

By Order of the Board,
H. C. CAPTAIN,
General Manager.

BOMBAY, 10th February, 1941.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 17th February, 1941, to SATURDAY, the 1st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
H. C. CAPTAIN,
General Manager.

N.B.—Dividend Warrants for the half-year ending 31st December, 1940, will be posted to the Shareholders at their registered addresses on and after the 3rd day of March, 1941. Intimation of any change of address should be given to the Bank immediately.

4310.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS, BOMBAY.

SUPPLY OF SAWS C. S. AND DRILLS.

The Assistant Director of Contracts, Bombay, invites Tenders for the immediate supply from stock of Saws C. S. Band and Drills Centre High Speed Steel.

Tender forms may be obtained from the office of the undersigned

Tenders will be received up to 4 P. M. on 17-2-41.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS,
Shahibag House, Wittet Road,
Ballard Estate, Bombay.

(4338)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male Muslim candidates to fill the post of a Superintendent of Agriculture in the Bengal Lower Agricultural Service. Pay Rs. 150-650. Age ordinarily not more than 25. Qualifications:—a Degree in Agriculture or a Degree in Science and the diploma of a recognised College of Agriculture. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5/-, 1st. March, 1941.

4332.

NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS, BOMBAY.

SUPPLY OF STRONTIUM NITRATE.

The Assistant Director of Contracts, Bombay invites tenders for the immediate supply of Strontium Nitrate from stock.

Tender forms may be obtained from this office of the undersigned.

Tenders will be received up to 4 P.M. on 25-2-1941.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS,
Shahibagh House, Wittet Road,
Ballard Estate, BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS (superscribed "TENDER") will be received by the undersigned at his Office in the Secretariat, Bombay, upto 12 noon on 28th February, 1941 for the supply of the following number plates and badges for the year 1-4-1941 to 31-3-1942.

(1) Registration number plates for motor cars,
(2) Registration number plates for motor cycles and invalid carriages,
(3) Registration number plates for transport vehicles including taxis,
(4) Temporary registration number plates,
(5) Dealers number plates,
(6) Public service vehicles badges.
(7) Conductors badges.

The rates for the first five items should be quoted per pair of plates (for specifications see Rule 28 of the B.M.V. Rules, 1940) and for items Nos. 6 and 7 should be per badge. Samples of plates and badges should accompany tenders. Rates for each type of plate and badge should be quoted separately.

The number plates and badges are required to be supplied to Regional Transport Officers at the following places:—

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Ahmedabad,
Nasik,
Poona,
Belgaum.

The approved tenderer will be required to furnish security of Rs. 100|- in cash or Government Promissory notes for the due fulfilment of the contract.

The undersigned reserves the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders and will not be bound to accept lowest or any tender without assignment of any reason.

Any other particulars required may be obtained from the office of the undersigned or from the respective Regional Transport Officers.

C. H. REYNOLDS,
Secretary,
Provincial Transport Authority.

(4328)

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS. BOMBAY.

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Ballard Estate, Bombay.

(4337)

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(4333)

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NO POLITICAL TALKS WITH BIHAR GOVERNOR, SAYS RAJEN BABU

PATNA, Feb. 13.

Disclaiming press reports, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said in an interview that political matters were not discussed during his meeting with Sir Thomas Stewart at Darbhanga.

He added: "H. E. the Governor and I happened to be both guests of Maharajadhiraja Bahadur of Darbhanga on the occasion of the Yangyapabit ceremony of his nephew and we met each other. We discussed the sugarcane problem, which has loomed large in this Province and the United Provinces during the last five or six months. There was no political talk whatsoever and the report to this effect is entirely unfounded."—A. P.

TROUBLE IN B. E. S. T. CO.'S MAINS DEPT.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A meeting of the Managing Committee of the B. E. S. T. Kamgar Union and of those who have recently been thrown out of work was held last evening in the Union office to consider the situation arising out of the policy of the Mains Department.

It was stated at the meeting that nearly 40 workers from the Mains Department who had been working with the company for 16 to 17 months were removed from service by the Superintendent by merely putting up a notice on a notice board and this in spite of the fact that they are entitled to receive a written notice.

What is more, these men with over a year's service have been got rid of though there are men with only a few months' service who continue to be in employment and who could have been dispensed with before the men with longer service.

This was done, it was alleged, because the men with over a year's service are entitled to the provident fund and 15 days' leave with pay.

The policy, it was stated at the meeting, was against the general policy of the company which wants the workers to have the benefit of the provident fund and to take advantage of leave and other facilities to which steady, regular workers, as against men who join and leave work at frequent intervals, are entitled.

The General Secretary of the Union wrote to the Superintendent of the Department about six days ago asking for an interview to discuss the question but no reply has yet been received

Emergency Commissions In Indian Land Forces

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

Intending applicants for Emergency Commissions in His Majesty's Indian Land Forces are informed that it has now been decided in consultation with the Government of India and the local Military authorities, to set up at each of the Divisional Headquarters in the Province (i.e., at Ahmedabad, Poona and Belgaum) and in Bombay City, a local Committee for the purpose of the preliminary selection of suitable candidates for Emergency Commissions.

The Chairmen of the Committees will be the Commissioners of Divisions in the mofussil and the Collector of Bombay in Bombay City and on each Committee there will be Military, Police and Educational Department representatives as members.

Applications for Emergency Commissions in His Majesty's Indian Land Forces should therefore be addressed in future to the Chairman of the local Committee for the area in which the applicant resides. Thus, applicants living in districts in the Central Division would address the Chairman of the Poona Committee. In order to avoid inconvenience to applicants residing in the Bombay Suburban, Thana and Kolaba Districts, it has been decided that they should send their applications to the Chairman of the Committee for Bombay City.

All applications should be submitted through the Collector of the District or through the Commissioner of Police if the applicant resides in Bombay City. Copies of the prescribed form of application as well as full details of the terms and conditions of service and the qualifications required of candidates, can be obtained from all Collectors of Districts and the Commissioner of Police, Bombay. A nominal fee of one anna will be charged for the application form.

Mr. F. H. Puckle, I.C.S., Director-General of Information arrived in Lucknow. He visited the Secretariat and had discussions with the officers of the Information Department about war publicity and co-ordination of work between the Centre and the Provinces.—A.P.

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On The Air

FRIDAY. FEB. 14.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

8 p.m. Mashuq Ali Khan. 5-20 Instrumental Duet. 5-30 Master Mumtaz and Party. 5-40 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 6-15 Nabi Jan. 6-30 These Too Have Humour, 3: Earthquakes: Talk in Hindustani. 6-45 For villagers only. 7-45 Indian Culture: Talk by Rukmini Devi Arundale 8 Gauhar Sultan. 8-20 It has happened or Kamod on Violin. 8-25 Filmi Geet by Aziz 8-35 World Affairs: Talk relayed from the B B C. 8-45 Mashuq Ali Khan. 9-45 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 10-5 Asad Ali Khan. 10-25 Master Mumtaz and Party.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Barkat Ali Khan. 8-5 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Roshan Ali. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 A I R Qawwali Party. 9-15 Panditrao Nagarker. 9-35 Sarinda solo. 9-40 Screen hits. 9-50 Master Shantaram. 12-30 p.m. Galary of Ghazals 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Three Stars. 1-10 Naats. 1-20 Mutual Understanding. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Master Shantaram. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Roshan Ali. 5-55 S. Gaikwad: Shahnai solo. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Sharada Shinoy: Bhajan. 6-20 Naats. 6-30 Children's Happy Half Hour (English). 7 Berlinchya Batmya: Talk in Marathi. 7-15 Master Shantaram. 7-25 Talk of the town. 7-30 A I R Qawwali Party. 7-45 Jaltarang and Clarionet. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Topic of the day. 8-30 World Affairs: Talk relayed from the B B C. 8-45 Sound-News. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 10 Bhramchari: Gujarati skit. 10-15 Roshan Ali. 10-25 Jyotsna Bhole.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Qawwalis. 8-15 E. R. Ali: Clarionet sala. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Marathi Bhavgeet. 8-50 Master Gopalrao: Violin recital. 9 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Instrumental music. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 2-25 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-25 A I R Chorus. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Jyotsna Bhole. 6-30 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Jyotsna Bhole. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Kalpataru: Tilang Bahar. 9-10 Panditrao Nagarker. 9-30 Maneck Bamboat: Soprano. 9-40 Reg. Dean: Baritone. 9-50 Dominic Pereira and His Radio Quartet. 10-35 Hilda Flanders.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the children. 5-50 Chamu Misra: Sarangi recital. 6-6 Girls and boys Come out to Play. 6-40 P. W. D.: Social Play. 9 Amiya Roy. 10 Jatadhar Pyne. 10-30 Indubala.

Hyderabad Programme

411 metres (730 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-45 p.m. For Children. 7-45 Extracts from Urdu Classics.

B. B. C. Programme

(W.L. 4 to 10-5 a.m. 31.55m. 6-30 to 10-5 a.m. 31.32m. 6 p.m. to 8-15 25.53m. 7-30 to 9-45 31.55m).

16-30 News. 16-45 Questions of Hour by O. Stewart. 17-00 Military Band. 17-30 N. Hanan in "Adventures of A. Mactavish." 17-45 Starlight: The Canadian Ambassadors—B.O. B. Ellis, Band. 18-00 Theatreland. 18-30 News. 19-00 Talk: Books and People. 19-30 Royal Marines Portsmouth Band; Hindustani programme on GSG and GSF. 20-00 Great Parliamentarians (No. 3, E. Budke) 20-30 World Affairs: By W Steed. 20-45 Starlight: Jack Simpson, Sextette. 21-15 Music in Devontown: Journey to Sidmouth. 21-30 News. 21-45 Questions of Hour by O. Stewart.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail	6-0	22-0
Peshawar Express	6-15	22-45
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	8 55	18-10
Calcutta Mail via Chheoki	9-30	20-15
Madras Express	10-15	14-30
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-30	17-40
Nagpur Express	15-00	01-00
Poona Express	19-30	06-00
Allahabad Express	20-25	07-00
Poona Fast Passenger	21-45	13-10

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

(Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-05
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Gujarat Mail	6-45	22-00
Kathiawar Mail	7-25	21-30
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon.)	(Sat.)
The Flying Ranee, Bulsar	*9-15	15-35
The Flying Ranee, Surat	*9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee, Surat) (Except Monday)	10-58	00-00
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Saturday)	00-00	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	23-30
Kathiawar Express	19-05	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20-48	9-00

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday these trains will run on Tuesday

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES.

Bombay, Feb 12

Broach A/M highest 190 1/2 lowest 187 3/4 closing 188

Broach J/A highest 193 3/4 lowest 191 1/4 closing 191 1/4

Oomra March highest 152 lowest 149 3/4 closing 149 3/4

Oomra May highest 154 lowest 151 3/4 closing 151 3/4

Oomra July high5hest 157 lowest 154 1/4 closing 154 1/4

Bengal March highest 124 1/2 lowest 121 3/4 closing 121 3/4

Bengal May highest 126 1/4 lowest 123 1/2 closing 123 1/2

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb 12

T T London on:—

New York	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
Madrid	40.50
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Berne	17.30 to 17.40
Stockholm	16.85 to 16.95

Trade Calling In Liverpool Cotton Market

LIGHT HEDGING OF OUTSIDERS

Bombay, Feb 13.

On Wednesday, both New York and New Orleans markets were closed

The Liverpool cotton market opened at a rise of 2 points with March quoted 8.27. The market was broader with trade calling and March advanced to 8.28 which was the highest level. Later on there was light hedge selling of outsiders and local selling. The market closed quiet but steady at a rise of 2 points to unchanged. Middling American Spot cotton prices improved one point at 8.58c. per lb

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was narrow with a restricted business. Uppers futures closed one point down and Giza contracts were unchanged.

PRICE OUTLOOK

Messrs. Fenner & Beane write:—

Cotton was moderately reactionary this week due largely to uncertainties over the Government's farm programme for next year.

The AAA reports that 92.6 per cent of the cotton farmers voted in favour of continued Government control in Saturday's referendum. Representatives of the AAA promised farmers in advance of the vote that a favourable vote would assure a loan on next year's crop. Farmers and farm agencies are asking for full parity loans of 15.75 cents a pound. Representatives of the Department of Agriculture say they do not favour a high loan owing to the excess surplus which such a loan will accumulate. Most of the Government's representatives have expressed themselves as being in favour of the certificate plan, which is another name for processing taxes, as a means of raising the money needed to pay farmers parity and other benefits. No change in existing laws can be made without an act of Congress, and a prolonged debate is certain to occur before any change will be voted.

Movement into the loan has slowed down a little but loans on the 1940 crop now total 2,384,000 bales. Representatives of the Department of Agriculture express the opinion that loan stocks will amount to approximately 6,000,000 by the end of the season. This indicates a belief that nearly 4 000,000 bales of the 1940 crop will go into the loan.

We look for some price recession before the farm programme takes definite shape, but believe we will see higher prices later in the season.

PRIVATE CABLES—

Liverpool March highest	8.28+03
Liverpool March lowest	8.25

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

Liverpool: Market steady. Small trade buying met with hedge selling.

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 12

March	8.27+02
May	8.28+01
July	8.28
October	8.18+01
December	8.16+01
Middling Spot	8.58+01

11 A.M. QUOTATIONS

March	8.26

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Feb 13.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and New York market was closed. London Spot silver was unchanged at 23 5/16d. and forward quotation was also unchanged at 23 5/16d. The market was idle and after fixing business was dull. Shanghai T T on London was 3 23/64.

London Bombay Spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-3-6. The local market was quietly steady. Sometime back the local market was looking for increase in import duty on silver but the present difference between the current and the next settlement does not suggest any prospect of increase in duty. There was moderate buying in silver and gold and offerings being limited prices hardened. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	42	2 9
Maha		42	3 0
Fagan		42	4 0
Sovereigns		28	8 0

SILVER

Ready		63	8 0
Maha		63	6 0
Fagan		63	3 0

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb 12

Spot	23 5/16
Forward	23 5/16

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb 12

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8 8-0

CASTORSEED CROP

The Department of Agriculture, Bombay, has issued the following forecast report on the Castorseeds Crop of the Bombay Province (including Indian States) for the season 1940-41:—

On an average of the five years ending 1938-39 the area under castorseed in the territory to which this forecast relates has represented some 5.8 per cent of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

The figures for 1940-41 shown in this forecast relate to the castorseed crop sown between June and July 1940 in the case of the Kharif crop and between September and December 1940 in the case of the Rabi crop.

(Estimates up to 1st February 1941)

Area.—The latest report shows the total area under the early as well as the late varieties of castor as under:—

	Bombay Province Acres.
British Districts	40,000
Indian States	34,000
Total	74,000

27.6 and 31.3 per cent respectively below the final revised area of the last year and the average actual area during the preceding ten years. Area decreased in North Gujarat and parts of Karnatak owing to unfavourable rains at the time of sowing.

SEASON

In Gujarat, the crop fared well in the south but suffered in the northern areas due to inadequacy of rain and the yield in consequence is expected to be much below the normal. In the Deccan the cultivation of the crop is confined almost exclusively to the West Khandesh District. Here as well as in the other Districts of the Division where it is grown on a small scale on the borders of fields, the crop on the whole progressed fairly well except in the Sholapur District where it is expected to be about half the normal. In the Karnatak where castorseed is not sown as an entire crop to any appreciable extent but as a row and border crop with chillies and cotton, the stand of the crop is only fair while in parts of Bijapur District it suffered from deficient rains of the season.

OUTTURN

In view of the seasonal conditions detailed above, the crop in Gujarat is estimated to yield about 75 per cent of the normal in the south but between 54 and 58 per cent of the normal in the north. In the Deccan the outturn of the crop in the West Khandesh District which is by far the most important centre of cultivation as stated above may come to about 71 per cent of the normal while in the remaining parts of the division the crop may return about 67 per cent of the normal except in the Sholapur District where it may yield only about 58 per cent of the normal. In the Karnatak, the crop may yield between 61 and 67 per cent of the normal in the Belgaum and Dharwar Districts while in the Bijapur District it may return 53 per cent of the normal yield.

The total estimated outturn of the crop works out as shown below:—

	Bombay Province. Tons.
British Districts	5,000
Indian States	5,000
Total	10,000

22.8 and 31.7 per cent respectively below the estimated outturn of the actual area in the last year and the average estimated outturn of the actual area during the preceding ten years.

LINSEED & WHEAT.

Bombay, Feb. 13

Wheat May	4 13 0
Linseed May	3 12 6

LONDON SEEDS

London, Feb 12

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe	20/9
Wheat Barletta Russo	not quoted
Wheat South Australian	26

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb 13.

Following a rise of 2 points in Liverpool cotton futures, the local market opened today at Rs. 188 for Broach A/M delivery and improved to Rs. 188/8 under scattered buying. At this level there appeared moderate selling by commission houses and prices declined to Rs. 187/8. Offerings were well absorbed and with renewed buying prices again improved to Rs. 188/8 and the market was steady.

Local operators are cautious pending developments in the near East but with Indian Mills running at full speed, consumption is likely to reach a record figure. Moreover exports so far this season are keeping in line with the previous year. Thus the statistical situation remains healthy and speculative long interest being limited, the market rules steady.

Business was very stricted and prices moved within a range of annas four. Liverpool opened unchanged and Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 188/12. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G BROACH:—			
April/May	Rs.	188	12 0
July/August		191	0 0
FINE M G OOMRA:—			
March		149	4 0
May		151	4 0
July		153	12 0
F G M G BENGAL:—			
March		121	0 0
May		122	8 0

COTTON ROOM RATES.

Bombay, Feb 13

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		129	127	124	122
M G Punjab		129	127	124	122
M G Rajputana		135	133	130	128
M G Oomra No. 3	157	154	151	148	
M G C P No. 1	176	173	170	167	
M G C P No. 2	165	161	158	155	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Feb 13

Approx. quotations.	Ready	Delivery contract	
Bengal Fine	122-25		
Berar	145-52		
C. P. 1	173-77		
C. P. 2	155-60		
Khandesh	125-32		
Mugtai	136-40	Feb.	Mar.
Broach		+10	+6½
Punjab S.G. 289F	313-18		
Punjab R.G. 289F	288-293		
Punjab R.G. 4F	223-28		

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, Feb. 13

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday.	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	1,031	72,005	48,072
Central India	1,600	75,489	60,468
Barsi and Nagar	659	67,092	97,966
Hyderabad/Gaorani	274	21,653	39,579
Berar	1,709	232,946	229,049
Central Provinces	872	44,780	54,999
Total Oomras	6,145	513,965	530,133
Dholeras	907	35,889	33,386
N W Provinces	50	1,006	21,701
Rajputana	97	3,392	33,599
Sind-Punjab	3,866	289,782	276,748
Broach	406	16,314	57,554
Coompta & Dharwar	.....	28,826	14,683
Westerns-Northerns	.....	29,926	16,192
Cocoanada	.....	239	50
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	.....	522	1,309
Total	11,490	919,861	975,355
Arrived by road to 6th February 1941	.....	132,250	133,248

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS.

Bombay, Feb. 13

Wheat May	0 4 6
Linseed May	0 6 6
Groundnuts February	1 14 0
Castorseed May	2 4 0
Cottonseed May	1 4 0
Silver 2nd setlement	0 15 0
Gold 2nd settlement	0 5 0

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 12

UPPERS:—	
Spot	11.14—0
March	10.44—0
May	10.46—1
July	10.47—1
November	10.42—1
GIZA NO. 2:—	
Spot	12.05+1
March	11.05—0
May	11.04—0
July	11.00—0
November	11.02—0

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below Liverpool May 396 penny points at 1/6

Broach J/A below Liverpool July 389 penny points at 1/6

Broach A/M below New York May 309 cent points at 331

Broach J/A below New York July 284 cent points at 331.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Feb. 13

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:—

Shipment December Rs. 8-15-0 F B H

Shipment March Rs. 8-11-6 F B H

Indian sugars ready:—

Ready (ordinary) Rs. 14-5-0 to 14-8-0

Ready (large grain) Rs. 14-9-0 to 15-10-0

Tone: Steady.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Feb 13.

Narrow and two-sided movements were the feature of the market to-day with the final list however showing better levels than yesterday. Tata Deferreds opened higher at 1902-8 and moved between 1905 and 1897-8 finally closing at 1905. Tata Ordinaries, after quoting at 375-8 in the opening, improved to 376 but later reacted to 374-8 improving again to 376 before the close. Among textiles Bombay Dyeings remained stagnant at 1055. Indian Irons were steady around 31-6.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:

Tata Deferreds (1897-8) 1902-8 5 1897-8 1905 Tata Ordinaries (375) 375-8 76 74-8 76 75-8 Tata Ordinary 375/8; Tata Deferred 1905; Indian Iron 31/4; Bombay Dyeing 1055; Century 367/8; Central India 395; Kohinoor 403/12; Associated Cement 135; Bombay Burma 522/8; Scindia Steam 21/2; Tata Hydro 185; Reserve Bank 105/8; Imperial Bank F P 1565; Central Bank 44/4; Bank of India 143/12; 3 1/2 per cent Paper 96.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 13.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 97
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 96
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-13
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 99-4
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 94-8
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 102-10
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108-7
4 per cent 1948 Bonds 104-10
3 per cent War Bonds 100-15
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 113-8

TAX FREE LOANS.

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 112-8
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 114-8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 125

CORPORATION DEBENTURES.

4 per cent B P T 1974 107/12
4 per cent M Deb 1974 107-8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 116
6 per cent M Deb 1954 127
6 per cent K P T 1956 127

Tone: Quietly steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb 13.

LONDON:—

B C RATES:—

T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 12th August

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 12th Aug.

Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 12th Aug.

Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 One month

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 two months

NEW YORK:—

Bank's selling T T 333 3/4

Bank's buying T T 329 3/4

Bank's buying D D 328

JAPAN:—

Bank's selling T T 81 1/4 nominal.

Bank's buying T T 77 nominal

Bank's buying 60 days 76 1/4 nominal

JAVA:—

Bank's selling D D 55 3/4

HONGKONG:—

Bank's selling D D 86 1/4

SHANGHAI—

Bank's selling D D 21

SINGAPORE:—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATES:—

Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 13th inst.

Shanghai London 0/3 17/32 13th inst.

New York London 4.03 12th inst.

London Java 7.58/62 12th inst.

London New York 4.02 1/2—3 1/2 12th inst.

London Switzerland 17.30/40 12th inst.

London Stockholm 16.85/95 12th inst.

London Japan 1/2 1/2 12th inst.

London Canada 4.43/47 12th inst.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet near Steady forward.

Gold £8-8-0 12th inst.

Silver London Ready 23 5/16 12th inst.

Silver London Forward 23 6/16 12th inst.

Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 11th inst.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 12th inst.

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 12th inst.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:- Call unendable.

3 months 1/2 per cent

6 months 3/4 per cent

Tone: Very easy

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 12.

The Stock Exchange was apathetic in view of political uncertainties but there was no selling pressure. Giltedged were around one-eighth lower while Kaffirs, oils and home rails all drifted down aimlessly but industrials partially rallied towards the close though without material increase in interest, operators generally marking time. Japanese bonds were a trifle harder.

Wall Street closed.

COLOMBO QUOTATIONS

Colombo, Feb 13

Price rubber local market sheet 49 3/4, crepe 49 1/2. Yesterday's closing fifty both sheet and crepe. Copra 35.00, cocoanut oil f.o.b. 225.00 nominal.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, Feb 12

3 per cent	£85 1/2
3 1/2 per cent	£98 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War loan	£103 5/8
4 per cent Funding loan 1960/90	£113 3/4
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	£77 1/2

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, Feb. 13

Castorseeds May—			
Opening	Rs.	31	9 0
Highest		31	10 0
Lowest		31	6 0
Closing		31	6 0
Groundnuts February—			
Opening		25	15 6
Highest		26	0 6
Lowest		25	12 6
Closing		25	12 6
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		18	13 0
Highest		18	13 0
Lowest		18	10 9
Closing		18	11 0
Groundnuts May—			
Opening		26	15 6
Highest		27	0 3
Lowest		26	13 3
Closing		26	13 3

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Feb. 13

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	70	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	80	8 0

Tone:—Irregular.

PEPPER & GINGER

Bombay, Feb 13

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd:—

Pepper ready Alleppey per candy	Rs.	75	0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15 per candy		78	8 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15 per candy		80	12 0
Ginger bleached per cwt		16	0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15 per cwt		13	4 0

Hydro Electric Shares Move Up

IMPRESSIVE BUYING WITH SCARCITY OF OFFERINGS

Steels And Textiles Steady

Bombay, Feb 13.

After yesterday's sentimental decline in active shares, the local share bazar was fairly steady to-day with moderate buying. There was absence of any important selling and the market feeling remains optimistic.

The industrial outlook remains very encouraging and with large sums lying idle awaiting, employment, the market is keeping steady with moderate support and the price structure is gaining ground. Last year the big rise was mostly due to unrestricted bullish enthusiasm but the present situation is fundamentally sound. The dividends declared so far are satisfactory and as long as the European war continues, the present industrial activity will be fully maintained. However, Budget uncertainty is restricting purchases but there is sufficient buying at lower rates to check any undue decline.

The outlook remains bullish and if the coming Budget prove satisfactory, we look extensive buying. This buying, if takes place, there will be sharp advances in quotations.

On Wednesday, the Wall Street market was closed and London Stock Exchange was quietly steady with absence of any selling pressure.

Cotton Mill shares remain popular among dealers and every setback is influencing persistent buying as Mills are running at full capacity and the margin of profit to Mills is very favourable. Several Mills have booked orders for months ahead and buyers seem confident in looking for higher prices eventually.

In the meantime, day to day fluctuations will be guided by development in Europe and occasionally there may be waves of realisings, like the one experienced yesterday but such selling leaves the market in a healthier state.

Speculative counters ruled steady with a restricted business and prices fluctuated within a narrow range. But Hydro Electric shares ruled firm with great activity. There was impressive buying in Powers, Hydros and Andhra shares and quotations improved. Tata Steel Defds fluctuated between Rs. 1965 and Rs. 1952 and finally steadied at Rs. 1962/8. Ordinary shares were steady at Rs. 382 and Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1102/8. There was scarcity of offerings in Electric shares and buyers were forced to bid up prices to fill orders.

Messrs. Patel Brothers have received the following cable from New York Cotton Exchange Service:

We estimate domestic consumption of all cotton in January at 865,000 bales. The average consumption per working day during January was 38,000 bales.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, Feb. 13

Bombay Dyeing (1092/8) 1095 1100 1097 1103 1102 1110

Century (375) 377 378 375 378 379

Central India (303) 304 305/8 303/8 306/8

Kohinoor (407/8) 408 411/8 409 413 417

New Great (410) 411 416 420

Simplex (105/8) 105/8 106

Swadeshi (272/8) 274 272 274 273/8 275/8

Associated Cement (138) 138/8 138/4 140

Andhra (1757/8) 1790 1820

Tram Ord (132) 135

Tata Hydro (178) 178 185 190

Tata Power (1590) 1595 1615 1612 1630 1645 1640

T Steel Defd (1957/8) 1965 1952 1966 1960 1970 1967 1966

T Steel Ord (380/8) 382 380 383

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (148/12) 148/8 148/12

Bellapur (211) 212 211

B Steam (319) 317

B Burma (541/4) 537 540 537 541 540

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 13.

100	Ahm. Advance		280 10
250	BOMBAY DYEING		1110 0
100	CENTURY		379 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA		306 4
100	COLABA		170 0
100	Coorla		105 0
250	David		30 0
250	Dawn		342 8
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.		0 9 9
100	FINLAY		182 8
100	GOKAK		210 8
1000	Hindustan		1905 0
100	Indore		57 0
100	Khatau		151 4
100	KOHINOOR		417 0
250	LAXMI		533 2
100	MORARJI		220 0
250	Model		78 8
50	MYSURE	X.D.	110 0
200	NEW GREAT		420 0
100	Oosmanshahi		46 0
100	Phoenix	N	266 0
25	Sassoon Silk		86 0
1000	Sholapur		2665 0
50	SIMPLEX		106 0
100	SWADESHI		275 8
100	SWAN		169 0
500	Vishnu		1277 8
1000	Western		1050 0

BANKS

50-100	BARODA		10/ 0
25-50	CENTRAL		44 2
500	IMPERIAL		1565 0
125-500	Imp. Contrys.		385 10
50-100	India		143 12
100	RESERVE BANK		105 12
5	UNION		6 10

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED		140 0

INSURANCE

100	Empire		612 8
15-100	JUPITER		13 7
20	Mercantile		65 0
15-75	NEW INDIA		41 8
200	Oriental		3950 0
10-50	Vulcan		8 2

ELECTRIC

100	AHMD. OLD		181 8
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY		1826 0
10	AJMER		12 2
50	BOMBAY TRAM		135 0
100	Bombay Suburban		185 0
10	Broach		13 14
100	Karachi		213 8
100	Poona		215 0
100	Surat		180 0
100	TATA HYDRO		190 0
1000	TATA POWER		1640 0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij		985 0
100	C. Province		103 12
100	Dhond Baramati		104 0
100	Gujarat	X.D.	102 12
100	Mandra Bhon		103 8
100	Pachora Jamner		63 0
100	Sara Sirajgunj		104 8
500	Tapti Valley		646 4

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation		5 3 6
8sh.	Indian Copper		2 2
10	Indian Iron and Steel		31 4
10	SHIVRAJPUR		39 8
30	TATA STEEL DEF.		1966 4
75	TATA STEEL ORD.		383 0
10	Steel Corporation		19 4

MISCELLANEUS

100	ALCOCK		572 8
10	Air Service	N	3 4
50	BELAFUR SUGAR		211 0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	N	590 0
250	BOMBAY STEAM		317 0
125	B. BURMA		540 0
50	B Burma Cont.		187 8
8sh.	Br. B Petrol		3 6
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE		90 0

Bombay Produce Market

Bombay, Feb 13

The local produce market was quietly steady with a restricted business. Groundnuts bold were done at Rs. 5-3-0. Khandesh quality at Rs. 5-4-6 and Goa delivery at Rs. 4-12-0. Local Mills bought on Bazar terms bold groundnuts at Rs. 25-12-0 and Khandesh at Rs. 26/4. Linseed ready business was done at Rs. 6-6-0. Karachi wheat was quoted at Rs. 5/12 and Delhi Pucci at Rs. 5-10-6. The tone was quiet with scattered selling.

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7	p.c. Tata Hydro		155 0
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power		1582 8
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st		213 12
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd		143 12
7	p.c. Vishnu		741 4

DEBENTURES

3	3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley		101 4
6	p.c. Andhra Valley		102 0
4	p.c. Bom. Telephone		51 8
5	p.c. Sholapur		76 6
6	p.c. Tata Hydro		101 4

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NEW YORK COTTON FOUR POINTS DOWN

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES
MARCH 1941
New York: Feb. 13.

Previous closing	10.36
To-day's opening	10.34
Difference	—2

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 188/0
Broach July/August	Rs. 191/8

LIVERPOOL COTTON
MARCH 1941
Liverpool: Feb. 13.

Previous closing	8.27
To-day's opening	8.27
Difference	Nil
To-day's closing	8.28
Difference	+1

NEW YORK COTTON
New York: Feb. 13.

Trading in New York cotton was somewhat desultory as the lack of definite news from abroad was restraining activity. However, the undertone was good on occasional trade support. Trading in March began at 10.34, that is, 2 points lower than last closing. Prices eased in sympathy with lower Bombay cables but thereafter trade price fixing and local buying imparted a better feeling. The trend thereafter appeared good.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton

March (10.39/38) 10.34/34
May (10.36/36) 10.31/30
July (10.25/24) 10.19/18

The following are opening rates on Liverpool cotton market:

American March (8.27) 8.28
American May (8.28) 8.29
Egyptian Giza March (11.05) 11.07
Egyptian Giza May (11.04) 11.06

LONDON COMMODITIES
London: Feb. 13.

Castorseeds January February unquoted
Linseed Bombay Calcutta February March (£18 9/16 quoted) £18 9/16
Linseed La Plata March (£11 3/8 quoted) £11 3/8
Groundnuts Coromandal February March (£17 1/4 quoted) £17 1/4

JUTES

Dundee (£43) £45
Lightning (£40) £40

RUBBER

Spot (12 5/8d paid and sellers) 12 1/2d paid and buyers
Forward January March (12 5/8d paid and value) 12 5/8d paid and value.

LONDON METALS

Tin (£257 3/4 buyers, £258 sellers. Irregular). £259 1/4 buyers, £259 1/2 sellers. Firm
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled Banks as at the close of business on 7th February:—

1. Demand Liabilities:		
(a) In India		168,24,00,000
(b) In Burma		9,01,68,000
2. Time Liabilities:		
(a) In India		98,79,34,000
(b) In Burma		3,93,98,000
3. Cash:		
i. Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes.		
(a) In India		6,35,64,000
(b) In Burma		51,000
ii. Burma Notes:		
(a) In India		28,000
(b) In Burma		43,76,000
iii. Rupee Coin:		
(a) In India		1,28,48,000
(b) In Burma		1,44,000
iv. Subsidiary Coin:		
(a) In India		32,77,000
(b) In Burma		41,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank		46,21,97,000
5. Advances:		
(a) In India		105,64,79 000
(b) In Burma		4,73,41,000
6. Bills Discounted:		
(a) In India		4,03 86,000
(b) In Burma		15,35,000

Comparative Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks:—
(In thousand rupees).

	7-2-1941	31-1-1941	9-2-1940	1-9-1939
1. Demand liabilities in India	177,25,68	178,00,82	143,55,67	141,39,78
& Burma	(9,01,68)	(8-94,62)	(7,19,78)	(7,03,29)
2. Time liabilities in India & Burma	102,73,32 (3,93,98)	101,88,15 (3,95,52)	108,80,46 (3,81,25)	106,46,46 (4,22,12)
3. Total cash in India & Burma	8,43,19 (46,12)	8,77,62 (42,33)	7,18,39 (27,57)	7,29,82 (59,37)
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	46,21,97	46,41,15	20,45,53	25,27,75
5. Advances in India & Burma	110,38,20 (4,73,41)	107,73,55 (4,10,67)	148,63,07 (5,19,02)	105,65,08 (4,12,92)
6. Bills discounted in India & Burma	4,19,19 (15,33)	3,77,85 (18,08)	5,22,23 (24,32)	3,86,74 (29,45)

(Burma figures are shown in brackets).

POONA WEATHER SUMMARY
POONA, Feb. 13.

The weather has been dry except for a few light showers in Kashmir.

Both day and night temperatures have been markedly above normal along and near the North-West Frontier.

FORECAST: Until 14th evening scattered light showers are likely along the North-West Frontier, in the Punjab Hills and Kashmir.

Temperatures will fall along and near the North-West Frontier and rise in North-East India.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 13th Feb. 1941:—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. —.003 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 71.7 deg.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 65.0 deg.
Maximum temperature during 24 hrs. 83.5 deg. (1.9 above normal)
Minimum temperature during 24 hrs. 68.9 deg. (2.1 above normal)
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 68 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. N N E.
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 4 miles per hr.
Total movement of wind in 24 hrs. 135 mls.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hrs. 15 miles per hour

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 13/2/1941

At 8·7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 75.8 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30·21 inches and a compensated aneroid 30.02 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS.

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES
Bombay: Feb. 13.

Yarn No.	February	April	June
6 1/2s.	125	126	127
10 1/2s.	148	149	150
20 1/2s.	189 1/2	191	192½
40s.	268	269	270

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES
T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York: Feb. 13.

Previous closing	4.03
To-day's opening	4.03

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London: Feb. 13.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS
London: Feb. 13.

T. T. London on Paris not quoted

LONDON SILVER CABLE
London: Feb. 13.

The following cable was received from London:—
Market quiet and steady

LONDON SILVER
London: Feb. 13.

Spot (23 5/16d)	23 5/16d Nil
Forward (23 5/16d)	23 1/4d —1/16

LONDON GOLD
London: Feb. 13.

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London: Feb. 13.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02 50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.35) 30.35
London on Shanghai (0-3 7/32 to 0-3 17/32) 0-3 7/32 to 0-3 17/32
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1 2 1/2) 1-2 to 1 2 1-2

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay: Feb. 13.

There was no trading during the night session.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Engineerings Quieter

Calcutta: Feb. 13.

The Stock Exchange ruled quiet. Speculative Engineering issues were a shade quieter. Dunlop Rubbers and Indian Cables were in fair request at firm rates. Cottons and Teas kept steady, while Jutes and Coals were unchanged. Government Securities were quiet but steady.

The following were the closing quotations:—

Government Securities: 2 3/4 per cent loan 1948/52 97/4. 3 per cent loan 1951/54 99/10. 3 per cent loan 1965/65 94/10. 3 1/2 per cent Govt. Paper 95/14. 4 per cent loan 1960/70 108/11 small lot. 3 per cent U P Bonds 1952 96/7/6. 3 per cent Punjab Bonds 1952 96/7/6. 3 per cent Punjab Bonds 1952 96/7/6.

Banks: Imperial fully paid 1572, Conty 389 Reserve 107.

Railway: Bankura Damoodar Rly. 94.

Cottons: Cawnpore Textiles 6/6, Dunbar 210/8, New Victoria 2/1, Kesoram 6/5.

Coals: Bengal 363, Bhaigora 5/4, Dhemo Main 14/12, Equitable 36/12, New Manbhoom 33/12, Samla 2/4, Gondal Pref 122, West Jamuria 30.

Jutes: Agarpara 24/13, Pref 152/8, Anglo-India 315, Birla 24/12, Howrah 49/4, Hukumchand 8/14, Pref 117, Khardahatty 463, Pref 165 small lots, Lansdowne 139, Naihati 275 small lot, Meghna 36/4, Orient 181, Reliance 53/8, Presidency 4/8.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn 5/3, Consolidated Tin 2/10 ct, Indian Copper 2/1, Dalmia Cement ordy 11/8, Pref 111/8 small lot, Alkali and Chemical ordy 17/8 small lots, Bengal Telephone ordy 18/4, Hukumchand Steel ordy 10/6, Indian Iron and Steel 31/3, Indian Steel and Wire Products Defd 38. Steel Corpn ordy 19/2, Pref 116, Bararee Coke 20/12, Dunlop Rubber ord 40/12, Indian Cables 22/3 small lots, Rohtas Industries ordy 20/10, Orient Paper ordy 10/13, Titaghur Paper ordy 17/6, Midnapore Zemindary 73/8.

Sugars: Buland 16/2, Carew and Co ordy 9/8, Pref 116, Purtabpore pref 15.

Teas: Amluckie 80 small lot, Bateli 5/12, Central Cachar 57.

Debentures: 3 per cent 1938/63/68 Calcutta Improvement Trust Debs 88/8.—A. P.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Textiles Better

Madras: Feb. 13.

The market has been fairly active. Securities remained somewhat quieter. Textiles have been better, so also Plantings. Miscellaneous issues received a moderate support and business was of a broader nature, especially in Chemical shares. Engineerings were steady.

Transactions reported from 12 noon yesterday to 12 noon to-day were:—

Maduras 39. 39/12, Buckinghams 242, Nellithanam 7/13, Thirumbadi Stock 1/15, Cochin Malabar ordy 6/10, Nilambur 11/2, Veliamattam 18/12, Travancore 8/9, Peermade 27/8, Balanoor ordy 9/12 s l, 9/14, Kalpettas 19/6 s l, 19/4, Tropicals 18/12, 18/14, Mysore Sugars 49/4, India Sugars ord 10/2, Andhra Cement Pref 108, Mysore Chemicals 16/8 s l. 16/4, 16/6, 16/12. Mettur Chem. ordy 9/8, Madras Telephone 16/8, Cochin Power 9/2, Mysore Paper 14/8, Spencer ordy 5/4 c d, Indian Steel Rolling Mills ordy 8 s l.

INDO-CHINESE TRADE

NEW DELHI: Feb. 13.

Larger shipments of raw cotton were made from India to China in 1939/40. About 122,000 tons of raw cotton valued at Rs. 6,68 lakhs were shipped as compared with 34,000 tons valued at Rs. 1,71 lakhs in the previous year. Shipments of both gunny bags (Rs. 18 lakhs) and cloth (Rs. 5 lakhs) also improved.

The value of imports from China advanced from Rs. 1,73 lakhs to Rs. 2.61 lakhs and the exports to China from Rs. 2,50 lakhs to Rs. 8.51 lakhs.

The improvement under imports was principally due to larger arrivals of cotton piecegoods and twist and yarn which amounted to 20 million yards and 10.8 million lbs. respectively. Imports of raw silk rose by Rs. 10 lakhs and those of silk piecegoods by Rs. 2 lakhs. Imports of tea also showed an improvement.—United Press.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Feb 12

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£68
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£85 1/2
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£98 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£77 1/2
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£104 1/2
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£103 5/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£113 5/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£110 3/4
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£8 11/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, London Reg	£77
National Bank of India	£31 3/4

LONDON RUBBER
London, Feb 12

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb	12 5/8

3 1/2 P.C. STERLING LOAN
London: Feb. 13.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £98 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London: Feb. 13.

London Stock Exchange was generally dull.

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
London: Feb. 13.

5 per cent 1958/68 (£104 1/2) £104 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£77 1/2) £77 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£104 1/2) £104 3/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99) £99
4 per cent Funding Loan (£113 5/8) £113 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loans (£103 5/8) £103 5/8
New War Loan (£101 1/4) £101 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110 3/4) £110 3/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 11·6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 34-3
Hydro Electric No dealings.
Electric Music Industry 7-7 1/2
Princhin Johnson 19-0
Imperial Chemicals 29-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary 52-1 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1939 £48 1/2
Dundee Rubber 33·6
Unilever Ordinary 22-6
Ford Motors 17-7 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £54
British American Tobacco Ordinary 91-3
Carreas 'A' £4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary 96-3
P and O Def 20-7 1/2
Distillers 64-6
Bredfords Dye 3·6
British Celanese 3-3
J and P Coates Ordinary 31-9
Courtaulds Ordinary 30-1 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners 3-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary 14-10 1/2
Inter Nickel Ordinary dol 36 1/2
Indian Iron 43-9

TEA SHARES

Assam Company 18-1 1/2
Donaro Tea 31-0
Empire of India 22-6

JUTE

Barnagore £8

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber 16-3
Guia Kelampong 15-7 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 26-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 21-3
Burma Corporation 7-6
Rio Tintos £7 1/4
East Rand Properties 42-6
Rand Mines £6 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £12 1/8
Associated Portland Cement 61-10 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 60-7 1/2
Sub. Nigel £7 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares 20-7 1/2
Union Corporation £7

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 26 10 1/2
Anglo India 38-1 1/2
Burma Oil 54-4 1/2
Mexican Eagle 7-9
Shell Transport 43-9
Royal Dutch No dealings.

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £34 1/4
London Midland Ordinary £13 7/8
London North Eastern Def £1 5/8
London Southern Def £10 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent £118
London Transport 'C' £34

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York: Feb. 13.

Opening Stock Exchange quotations:—
General Motors dol. 43.
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 23
U. S. Steel Corporation Common dol. 60⅛
U S Steel Preference dol 123 3/8.

Broach July/August	Rs. 191/8
Broach April/May	Rs. 188/4
Difference	
To-day's closing	10.32

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 13.

43 cases sewing ctn thread on reels, 100 c/s whisky, 30 c/s lead plates, 32 c/s accumulators, 37 c/s tools, 115 c/s confectionery and chocolates, 35 c/s vices, 121 c/s ctn pcegoods, 36 c/s shuttles and clips, 31 c/s tissue paper on bobbins, 75 c/s biscuits, 61 c/s bobbins, 211 c/s cigarettes and tobacco, 783 c/s toilet preparations and soaps, 38 c/s art silk singles in hanks, 168 c/s boiler fittings 205 c/s machinery and parts, 645 c/s beer, 40 c/s brass wire, 67 c/s brass rivets, 100 c/s Wincarnis, 220 c/s packing materials, 50 c/s Barium nitrate, 100 c/s compo parts of wg steam machinery, 80 c/s sauce, 95 c/s transparent cellulose wrappings, 50 c/s H P sauce, 60 drums cement, 131 dms caus soda, 40 dms powdered bisulphite soda, 150 dms Plaster of Paris, 50 dms calcium chloride, 148 c/s Izal germicide, 404 dms solid caustic soda, 80 D/bags custard powder, 566 D/bags carbonate of magnesia, 706 D/bags nails, 870 D/bags cut nails, 122 bls wool tops, 160 D/bags powdered charcoal, 300 D/bags steel nails, 85 bdls cycle tyres, 100 bdls bath bricks, 394 bdls conduits, 127 bdls spring steel, 86 bdls shovels, 42 c/s ballast forks, 45 bls chrome split waste, 84 bls cardboard 75 bls waterproof wrapping paper, 39 bls ctn fents, 42 pcs flanged steel pipes, 453 pcs steel tubes, 102 pcs bent tubes, 97 pcs steel bars, 90 pcs fireclay sinks, 60 pcs San Earthen ware, 36 pcs earthenware sinks, 100 loose empty steel drums, 42 loose Pneum tyres, 100 loose C I cisterns, 125 loose motor lorry tyres, 80 tins Marine glue, 160 bags broken tiles, 551 bags rose head nails, 1750 bags heavy soda ash, 80 bags iron grit, 206 bags empty glass bottles, 125 carboys Hydrogen Peroxide, 439 boxes tin plates, 36 mats empty glass jars, 30 rolls bicycle tyres, 85 loose M/car tyres, 127 rolls lineleum, 200 sacks Lithopone, 126 cks bichromate of soda 158 pcs structural material, 1088 cts tiles, 67 kegs calgon Z powder, 36 trs machinery cloth, 100 bris coal pitch, 292 pkgs motor truck tyres and tubes, bicycle acces etc., 40 kegs Hyposulphite crystals sodium compound, 458 pkgs paints, dyestuffs etc.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 13.

500 bls cotton waste Champaklal and Co; 200 bls cotton waste C Jairam and Co; 20 c/s cotton pcegoods Italindia Cotton Co Ltd; 6 bls cotton pcegoods C Kasturchand; 125 bls cotton grey yarn C Kasturchand; 300 bls cotton waste G M Vyas; 20 bls cotton pcegoods The Nandlal Bhandari Mills Ltd; 2346 bags linseed Ralli Bros Ltd; 4337 bags linseed Louis Dreyfus and Co; 2500 bls raw cotton Cotton Export and Import Ltd; 1200 bls raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; 927 bags gum Mapani Bros; 20 bls cow calf skins Ralli Bros Ltd; 70 bls cow hides Ralli Bros Ltd.

Episcopal Synod Cancelled

COLOMBO, Feb. 13.

A communication from the office of the Bishop of Colombo says:—"The proposal to hold an Episcopal Synod at Calcutta in March has now been cancelled. The Bishop of Colombo will not, therefore, be leaving Ceylon that month."

In this connection it is pointed out that no conference of Bishops had been called by the Metropolitan and that the only meeting proposed was an Episcopal Synod, which has now been cancelled.—A. P.

SMALL BROACH COTTON CROP

Contract Overloaded With Hedges Of Untenderable Styles

Bombay: Feb. 13.

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co have issued the following weekly report:—

Another week of moderate trading and small fluctuations has brought little alteration to prices in New York. There has been a certain amount of hedge selling against cotton repossessed from the Loan, but this selling has been easily absorbed by price fixing on the part of consumers. Exports from America continue negligible but the internal consumption continues to expand even beyond the hopes of the most optimistic. Yesterday the New York Cotton Exchange Economist cabled an estimate for the consumption by American Mills during last month as 865,000 bales. Such a figure would beat easily all previous records. The American defence programme is evidently going well ahead to the substantial assistance of the cotton supply position. With such figures before us we see little chance of any decline in New York prices. The Liverpool market has continued on its sluggish way. Trading there is very small and there has been little change in prices during the week.

LOCAL MARKET

In Bombay prices also have moved within narrow limits. There has been moderate export demand especially from the Far East. Much of this has been for styles grown in the South of the country and has not been observed by some market reporters in Bombay. Activity in the Indian Textile trade continues to expand and there has been a large and insistent demand for many styles of cotton, and the basis for all better grades has remained firm. Many buyers now have to pay the same high basis for what we would describe as second grades as they were paying for better grades a few weeks ago, for the simple reason that the supply of the latter is rapidly becoming exhausted. The Broach crop is late this season and that portion of the crop which so far has been available has been marketed at a high basis. Ahmedabad Mills have been keen buyers and we look for keen competition for all Surtee styles as soon as they are available in bulk. In some parts of the Broach belt early arrivals are rather stainy, but it is believed grade will improve as arrivals increase. The basis for early arrivals of good grade is unusually high. The market apparently is in need of such cotton and we shall be very surprised if before long the contract does not move up to the level of price of the actual cotton. During the last day or two the market has had to face considerable speculative selling due to nervousness caused by the political situation in the Far East. While one cannot entirely ignore the present fears we do realise the Broach contract is being overloaded with hedges against cotton which cannot be tendered against Broach, whilst the Broach crop is smaller than last year and all of the cotton will be required by consumers. Bengal and Oomra cottons continue to be neglected and the parity between these cottons and Broach has again widened and is likely to widen further. The basis of good quality from the Central Provinces has firmed up and is now linked more to Broach than the Oomra contract. We continue to advise the purchase of Broach contracts especially for July/August delivery as we believe that by the time that delivery matures the supply of tenderable cotton will be so small as to make the contract decidedly vulnerable.

YARN MARKET DISPLAYS FIRMER TENDENCY

Bombay, Feb 12

A somewhat better feeling has prevailed in the yarn market so far as Indian yarns are concerned and although prices have not shown any definite rise so far, the undertone has remained more hopeful than for the last several weeks. Southern Indian mills, some of whom had sold their yarns at much cheaper prices during the last few weeks, have now been showing firmer attitude as they have practically sold out for several months ahead and this has naturally created confidence amongst the dealers and consumers in several parts of the country. Enquiries have increased during the last few days from some of the important consuming centres but the prices offered are yet much too low to admit of any business of importance. It is no wonder therefore that in spite of the better feeling none of the Bombay mills have been able to make any sales either for ready or for forward deliveries in any important quantities. Reports from several important consuming districts are slightly better but much more will depend upon the course of the cotton prices in the next few days. Cotton market has remained rather dull and featureless with no definite tendency at the moment. Reports from cloth market, however, are rather more encouraging and this is one of the reasons why yarn prices have been held up at the present level in spite of very limited demand from the consuming centres. Most of the recent purchases of yarns from Southern India have been more or less of a speculative nature and unless cotton prices remain steady or show further improvement it is doubtful whether the speculators will be able to hold on for a much longer time. Regarding the Export markets enquiries from Hongkong are only moderate whereas from Rangoon and other markets enquiries have considerably dropped off probably due to the increasing difficulties of outlets through the Burma Road. The future tendency of the market is yet uncertain.

ENGLISH YARNS

Owing to the War business in Manchester yarns is almost impossible.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS

Prices in Japanese and Shanghai yarns both in single as well as in twofold, grey as well as bleached have continued to remain very steady without any important change during the week. Turnover has been rather moderate owing to continued sharp advance in prices which has restricted demand from the consuming centres. As regards Mercerised yarns speculative turnover has considerably increased and prices have been fluctuating very heavily in some cases to the extent of half anna per lb. during the course of the day. On the week's trading prices have remained fairly steady with a good undertone. Fresh forward business with Japan and Shanghai has been absolutely nil on account of much higher prices quoted by Japanese and Shanghai spinners. The political situation in the Far East has also been responsible for the very restricted nature of business in Japanese and Shanghai yarns. Scarcity is being felt in certain styles and the future tendency continues to remain hopeful.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS

No important fluctuations have taken place in artificial silk yarns as well as in staple fibre yarns during the week. Demand from the local mills as well as from consuming districts has continued to remain on a moderate scale and arrivals have also been not heavy. Fresh forward business is very restricted due to several uncertainties and restrictions in imports. The future tendency is distinctly more hopeful.

INDIAN YARNS

A good deal of turnover has taken place on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., particularly in 20 1/2s where prices have advanced further to the extent of Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per bale in spite of absence of improvement in cotton. In case of 10 1/2s turnover is very restricted probably due to much restricted demand for coarser counts at present from all important consuming centres. The future outlook is yet uncertain.

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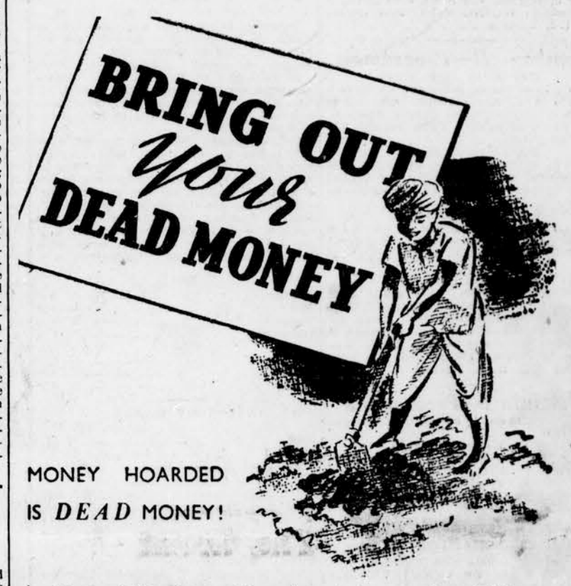

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Now Official Enquiry Into Calcutta Riots

CALCUTTA, Feb. 13.

Under the joint auspices of the Porvincial Majlis-i-Ahrar, Jamaiat-ul-Ulema, Calcutta, Jamaiat-ul-Ansar and Krishak Proja Party, a non-official enquiry committee with Moulvi Syed Mausher Ali, ex-Minister of Bengal, as chairman and Moulvi Shamsuddin Ahmed, ex-Minister of Bengal, and the leader of the Krishak Proja Party, Prof. Humayun Kadir, M.L.C., Moulvi Abul Kalam Kamel, Secretary of the Provincial Majlis-e-Ahrar, Moulvi Khalilur Rahman Sahib Secretary of the Jamaiat-ul-Ansar, Calcutta, and others as members was formed to investigate the incidents that took place at Calcutta on Monday last as a sequel to the arrests of several persons in connection with Moharrum celebrations and that led to disturbances resulting in about sixty persons being injured.—United Press.

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Bombay & Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Magh Vad 3, 1997
Muslim: Mohurrum 17, 1359
Parsi: Shehrever 13, 1310
Hightide: 1-24; 13-36
Lowtide: 7-35; 19-33
Sunrise: 7h. 8m.
Sunset: 6h. 39m.

SIGN ON FIRST AID BOXES

The use of the sign, a white cross on a red ground, on first-aid boxes in factories is being discontinued by the Government of Bombay. The reason is that the sign is a colourable imitation of the Red Cross emblem.

In its place each first-aid box or cupboard is to be distinctly marked with the words "First Aid."

ROXANA CLUB

The next concert of the Roxana Club will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 9-30 p.m., at the Hume High School, Byculla.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND

The Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 10, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) at Kemp Corner and go round with them in the Ward.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS

A free study class on the subject of "Kama-Loka and Devachan" from the Key to Theosophy by H. P. Blavatsky, will be conducted at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain, to-day (Friday), at 6-15 p.m.

ATIYA BEGUM FOUNDATION SCHOOL

The Zanana Mohurrum Mujlis held on the 12th inst. was a great success. The gathering was large and the school children and ladies gave a most stirring and fine rendering of Hamd, Naat and Marcias. Atiya Begum announced the next Mujlis of Hazrat Fatima.

BOMBAY BRANCH OF INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

A meeting will be held in the School of Economics, University of Bombay, to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. when Prof. G. M. Sankpal of the Sydenham College of Commerce, will read a paper on "A Study of Working Class Family Budgets."

MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The Municipal Hospital Workers' Conference proposed to be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, has been postponed to a later date.

A meeting of the Reception Committee of the Municipal Hospital Workers' Conference will be held to-day (Friday), at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the Conference office.

PUBLIC MEETING AT GHODAPDEO

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, a public meeting will be held to-day (Friday) at 8 p.m. (S.T.) at Reay Rd. Maidan, opp. Ghodapdeo Temple, Mazgaon. Shri Salebhai Abdul Kadar will preside and Messrs. Dhirajlal B. Desai, Gajendranath G. Sharma, M. B. Vora, V. R. Tulla, V. G. Mahajan and R. D. Singh will speak on the "Present Political Situation."

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION

The first lecture series on "War Effects on various Spheres of Life" will be delivered to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. at the Mantri House, 1, French Bridge, opp. Royal Opera House, on "War and Democracy" by Mr. G. P. Hutheesing, Secretary, National Planning Committee. Admission is by tickets which are available at the lecture hall.

Rate: Annas 4 for the whole series of 8 lectures.

BOMBAY WAR PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Loudspeaker programme for to-day (Friday):—

Marathi: 8 a.m. Records. 8-5 News. 8-20 Records. 8-25 "War in the Western Desert"—Talk. 8-30 Records. 8-35 "Indian Troops on War Front"—Talk.

Marathi: 6-30 p.m. Records. 6-35 "Free Italy Legion"—Talk. 6-40 Records. 6-45 News. 6-50 Records. 6-55 "Hitler's War"—Talk.

Gujarati: 11 a.m. Records. 11-5 News. 11-20 Records. 11-25 "Japan's White War"—Talk. 11-30 Records. 11-35 "Axis Schemes and Japan"—Talk.

Gujarati: 4-30 p.m. Records. 4-35 "Unhappy France"—Talk. 4-40 Records. 4-45 News. 5 Records. 5-5 "Bulgaria Under Nazi Yoke"—Talk. 9-10 Records.

Hindustani: 6 p.m. Records. 6-5 "Japan's White War"—Talk. 6-10 Records. 6-15 "Axis Schemes and Japan"—Talk. 6-20 Records. 6-25 News. 6-40 Records. 6-45 "Bulgaria Under Nazi Yoke"—Talk. 6-50 Records. 6-55 "Indian Troops at Barentu"—Talk.

NANAWATI ENGLISH SCHOOL

(From A Correspondent).

An annual social gathering of this school was held at Hira Bag Hall under the presidentship of Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanji.

On this occasion a 'send-off' was given to Mr. A. Noorbhoy, retiring Superintendent of Municipal Aided Schools.

After an entertaining programme of Garbas, music, gymnastics and dialogues by boys and girls, the Principal, Mr. N. T. Nanavati, addressed the meeting and paid tribute to Mr. Noorbhoy for his talents and decisions.

The President after appreciating the high ideals of the school and its scheme wished the school great success in its mission.

Mr. Noorbhoy made a suitable reply.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

NEW EMPIRE—"The Great Dictator" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Contraband" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CAPITOL—"I Love You Again" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Thief of Bagdad." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"A Little Bit of Heaven" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Punarmilan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Puja". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Bandhan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Lagna Pahawe Karoon." Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Nartaki". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Raj Nartaki". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Padosi". Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
SUPER—"Mere Raja". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Qaidi". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Deepak". Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PALACE—"Four Sons". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

CHARKHA CLUBS FOR CITY

The General Secretary of the Khadi and Village Industries Board has sent the following appeal:—

"At various places in the city and suburbs spinners of the same locality may form Charkha Clubs and spin in groups for an hour or two every day or at regular intervals. Such group spinning has proved very helpful in facilitating spinnings as well as bringing spinners in closer contact.

The Khadi and Village Industries Board proposes to start such clubs or classes at various places in the City Spinners or beginners wishing to join the same may please inform the Secretaries of the Board, at Sarojini Cottage, Congress House, Girgaum, No. 4."

National Democratic Union Conference

Mr. V. B. Karnik writes:—

The Bom. Pres. National Democratic Union Conference will be held in Bombay, on the 23rd of Feb.

The Reception Committee at its recent meeting elected Sir Homi Mehta, as the Chairman of the Reception Committee and decided to request Dr. Sir Sultan Ahmed to preside over the conference. The delegation fee has been fixed at rupee one. The fee for members of the Reception Committee is fixed at Rs. 2. The office of the Reception Committee is at present located at the residence of Mr. V. B. Karnik, Ratilal Mansion, Parekh Street, Girgaum, Bombay.

Editors To Address Journalists

Under the auspices of the Journalists' Association of India Messrs. S. A. Brelvi, Francis Low, S. Natarajan and K. Srinivasan, who attended the Editors' Conference at Delhi, will address City Journalists in the Association rooms in Prospect Chambers Annexe, Hornby Rd., at 6-15 p.m. to-day (Friday). Mr. B. G. Horniman, President of the Association, will preside.

Bombay Rural Debtors' Relief Rules

The Bombay Government has extended until March 15 the period allowed for sending in suggestions or objections to the draft rules framed under the Bombay Agricultural Debtors Relief Act, 1939. The original notification required that such suggestions or objections must be submitted to the Government before January 31.

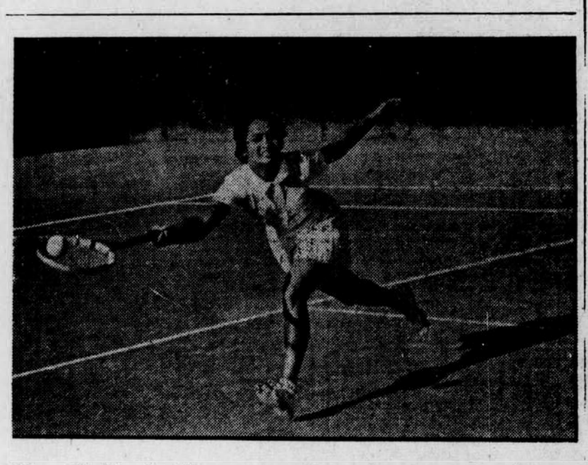
Persian Literature And Human Progress

Persian literature helped greatly to develop those characteristics essential for the progress of a nation, said Mr. J. K. Katrak, speaking on "The Contribution of Persian Literature to Human Progress" at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute on Wednesday. Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri presided.

The speaker said that Persian literature after the conquest of Iran by the Arabs was greatly enriched. It also spread in Europe deeply influencing European thought and ideas.

"AFLATOON" TO BE STAGED IN AID OF WAR GIFTS FUND

The play "Aflatoon," staged and produced by the Parsi Amateur Dramatic Society on September 29th 1940, was such an outstanding success that constant demands are being made to repeat it. It is, therefore, being produced on Sunday, the 16th inst. at the Excelsior Theatre at 3 p.m. The demand for tickets is extremely heavy and a very few are now left. Those desiring any tickets must telephone to Mr. Rustom Marazban, No. 30071 office and No. 42623 residence, to avoid disappointment.



Miss Phylis de Lima, one of our best women players, seen in action, in the Western India Tennis Championships.

Another Batch From Bardia

Eight Hundred Prisoners Arrive In India

The fifth and the latest contingent of 800 Italian war prisoners, captured in Bardia as a result of the lightning action by General Wavell's army, landed in Bombay and were taken to prisoners-of-war camps somewhere in the country, on the same day.

The prisoners included three officers. One of the prisoners said that they fought on for three to four days before they were overwhelmed and captured by the Imperial forces.

It is estimated that nearly 12,000 Italian prisoners have so far arrived in India from the Lybian front.

Farewell Party To Lt. Col Wats

Lt. Colonel R. C. Wats, Assistant Director, Haffkine Institute, who has been reverted to military duties, was entertained at a lunch on Wednesday at the Cricket Club of India by Mr. and Mrs. Roshan Lal and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Khorna.

Amongst those present were: Mr. Indranarayan Brijmohanlal, Pandit K. Santanam, Mr. B. G. Horniman, Mr. and Mrs. Charanjiva, Rai Bahadur Chunilal, and Mr. and Mrs. Punjabi.

STANDAGE NOT TO BE RETRIED

Stanley M. Standage, one of the Directors of Messrs. Temple Thomas and Standage, Ltd., with regard to whom the special jury had been divided by 5 to 4 on Wednesday in the High Court Session respect of the charge of criminal breac trust in connection with the sum of i. .000 alleged to have been deposited by one of their employees was ordered not to be retried. Mr. Justice Broomfield had reserved orders with regard to the above. His Lordship made an entry to the effect that there was to be no retrial and this entry will under Section 306 of the Code of Criminal Procedure operate as an acquittal.

After hearing the Advocate-General in regard to the charge under Section 283 of the Indian Companies Act, which was still pending against Standage as well as against Sir Richard Temple, His Lordship ordered that that charge being not sustainable in this court the bail-bonds were ordered to be cancelled.

AN EXHIBITION OF NEWSPAPERS

The Secretary of the Journal Exhibition Committee, P. O. Khagra, Berhampore, Murshidabad, Bengal, writes:—

Under the auspices of the District Students' Federation, an exhibition of all daily, bi-weekly, weekly, fortnightly, monthly and quarterly journals, published throughout the country will be held at Berhampore (Bengal) on 1st and 2nd March 1941 with the session of the District Students' Conference. The success of this exhibition entirely depends upon the co-operation of the editors and managers of different journals. We request the editors and managers of different journals to send us the latest issue of their own on or before 25th February.

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PLIGHT OF DETENUS

In the voting on the Central Legislative Assembly on Mr. N. M. Joshi's resolution on the detenus Government scored a sort of victory of which they have no reason to be proud. Most of the members who voted with them were their own nominees, the only elected Indian member on their side being Sir A. H. Ghaznavi. So far, therefore, as real public opinion in the country is concerned, it has unequivocally condemned Government's treatment of the detenus. Considering the persistent reports of harsh treatment, Mr. Joshi's resolution was a mild one as it only asked for committee "to examine and report on the conditions in which the detenus under the Defence of India Act lived and whether and what provisions should be made for the families of these detenus." If Government had accepted the resolution, they would have shown themselves to be somewhat sympathetic towards men whom they have jailed without a trial. And if the detenus' condition was half so good as the Home Member made it out to be, the Committee's report would have helped Government themselves most. But, perhaps, the Home Member knew that there were things about the treatment of detenus that could not stand the light of day. Perhaps he also fondly hoped that the Muslim League would support Government. But he has been justly undeceived. Government have hardly any supporters among the public, and by opposing a fair and modest resolution they have only exposed themselves to a charge of injustice.

Government's Bad Case

The Home Member knew that he had a bad case. So he tried to make amends by pouring abuse on the detenus in a most undignified and irresponsible manner. Many of them, he said, were "traitors", "not decent, honest persons deserving of sympathy", but "capable of the worst kind of treachery." Now we may concede for the sake of argument that a few of the prisoners answer to this description. But the point is that being jailed without any kind of trial, many of them may be quite inocent, and Mr. Joshi deserves credit for chivalrously pleading their cause and publicly proclaiming himself as a friend of many of them. To put a man in a concentration camp merely because he is a communist or is suspected to be one is not justice. There are communists and communists. Some of them are to-day in collusion with some officials in a campaign against the Congress. Sir Reginald Maxwell prefers enemy internees to communist suspects on the ground that the former are not necessarily bad characters because they owe allegiance to enemy countries. But by the same line of reasoning Communists or those who are suspected to be such are not necessarily bad characters merely because they hold certain political and economic doctrines. However, assuming that abnormal circumstances justify the detention of both classes of persons to prevent the very possibility of any mischief by them, both classes should be at least humanely treated. We do not grudge the enemy internees their amenities, provided India, has not to pay for them. But the detenus, too, deserve decent conditions of life.

Need For Enquiry

This was the whole point of Mr. Joshi's resolution. There are persistent reports that the treatment of the detenus is extremely unsatisfactory. And these are but strengthened by Sir Reginald Maxwell's view that the majority of the detenus do not deserve sympathy. The *National Herald* publishes a description of the conditions in the Deoli camp which makes distressing reading. "The place", we are told, "is very malaria stricken. Almost all have suffered from the disease since their arrival here. There is no proper medical treatment. There have been repeated attacks of malaria of a virulent type. No arrangement exists for surgical operations or for dangerous and serious cases, of which there are some. Baba Wasakha Singh is suffering from tuberculoss, Comrade Ghate from heart disease, Sirut Mukherji (Bihar) from renal-colic, Iyengar from Madras from colic. Hukam Singh from obstruction and colic, several have enlarged spleen and chronic malaria. Baba Bhagwan Singh has been in hospital ever since his arrest. No one is in good health. No mosquito nets are given—even private ones are not allowed to us. It is a necessity here." It is also stated that if the detenus make complaints to the higher authorities they are unished. That probably explains Sir Reginald Maxwell's remark that when he visited the Camp, "there was scarcely anybody who had anything to complain of." If there was really no cause for complaint, he would have readily seized the opportunity provided by Mr. Joshi to obtain a favourable report and broadcast it to the whole world. It appears, however, that things are getting from bad to worse. The statement published in the *National Herald* says: "Having no contact with the outside world it is difficult for the prisoners to move the public and, therefore, the Government about this hell. If nothing is done there is every possibility that there may be sad occurrences." Now that Government have suppressed a move for an official inquiry, non-official efforts must be made to get at the true facts, publish them widely and agitate ceaselessly for the detenus' wrongs till every wrong is redressed. Government should not be allowed to play with the lives and happiness of hundreds of men whose present plight deserves sympathy even if they are criminals but who must be believed to be innocent till the contrary is proved in a court of law.

Storm In Tea-Pot

The proverbial storm in the tea-pot has been created by the statement made at a press conference by Col. Frank Knox, the United States Secretary for the Navy, that the U. S. Navy can spare no more destroyers for Britain. This was presumably in reply to the plea made before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by Mr. Wendell Willkie that the United States should dispatch from five to ten destroyers every month to Britain. Being at the head of the Admiralty, Col. Knox's opinion is authoritative, if not final. But Mr. Willkie is not to be cowed into silence and he has promptly come out with the categorical statement that he has been advised by "High Authorities" that more American destroyers can be spared for Britain without impairing the defences of the U. S. This controversy is not merely interesting but enlightening: it shows how rapidly the pro-British feeling in that country is gathering volume as well as momentum.

Greeks' Steady Advance

Between the lightning victories of General Wavell in Lybia and the sensational rumours of the German spring offensive in the Balkans, the steady, if slow advance of the Greek Army into Albania is in danger of being lost sight of. During the last month, however, Greece has successfully passed through two ordeals: the death of General Metaxas and the determined counter-offensive of General Cavallers Ever since the latter took over from General Soddu exactly a month ago, he has launched one counter-attack after another with fresh troops and equipment and possibly also with the help of the Luftwaffe. The Greeks, however, have not only not withdrawn from a single inch of captured territory but have also been relentlessly, if gradually, advancing towards their next objective. They are now said to be within two miles of Tepelini With the occupation of Valona, the Greeks will probably proceed to consolidate their position in preparation for the expected German onslaught. The quicker they end the present phase of war, the better it will be for them strategically.

Will Germany Attempt Invasion?

By MAJOR GENERAL SIR CHARLES GWYNN

LONDON (By Cable).

That Germany would maintain the threat of invasion throughout winter was to be expected. But does the threat imply immediate or ultimate danger?

The threat, that has real substance behind it, has powerful strategical influences.

The question when and how, if at all, the threat will be carried into effect exercises the mind of the opponent and effects his disposition of forces.

In the present case some expect the threat may suddenly materialise as a sudden devastating blow, synchronising with all other forms of attack by air and sea, when favourable conditions prevail.

That was the form in which invasion threatened last autumn. It might still be the form to be adopted, particularly if the enemy has some new device to create favourable conditions.

On the other hand, it is possible that the German plan is that invasion should be in the nature of a 'coup de grace' to be delivered only after Britain has been weakened by prolonged air and sea attack and when a large part of her forces are committed elsewhere.

The one thing that is certain is that the General Staff is under no illusions as to what is involved in the attempt at invasion.

Last autumn they shrank from the attempt in spite of the desperate unpreparedness of Britain at the time.

Their own failure to achieve mastery of the air and British naval supremacy prevented the establishment of the requisite conditions.

Since then Hitler has had the winter in which to perfect new plans, subject only to such direct interruptions as R. A. F. attacks on Germany and on the invasion ports have caused. Indirect interruptions of course have been caused by amazing success achieved by the Greeks and General Wavell against Italy.

These Mediterranean successes, however, have not been of a nature to disturb the invasion plans. The German General Staff might even regard them as a favourable diversion of British resources.

Yet we know they have not prevented an immense development of Britain's defensive power —the strengthening and reorganising of her navy; the increase of her air force; the formation, training and equipment of her field army; and the organisation and equipment of the Home Guard and coast defences.

Moreover, the intensified air attacks delivered during winter and destructive of civilian life and property have singularly failed to affect the morale of the British people—except to improve it.

Under these circumstances it is difficult to believe that an immediate attempt at invasion would have any better prospect of success than it had last autumn unless some new form of devastating attack has been devised.

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There is, however, the inherent improbability that a great gamble would be based on an untried device of any kind.

There are therefore, I suggest indications that while the threat of invasion will be maintained, the Germans regard the actual attempt at invasion as a 'coup de grace' to be delivered if other plans succeed.

There is the announcement by Hitler and Admiral Raeder of a great intensification of U-boat warfare and still more violent air attacks on shipping and cities.

These are well known to be not empty boasts in view of the great effort being made to speed U-boat and aircraft construction in Germany.

Apart from the attempted weakening of Britain by the interruption of the flow of munitions, Hitler might hope attacks on sea communications would cause a dispersion of naval protection against invasion.

Attacks on sea communications and air attacks directed against economic war power are of their nature long-term campaigns. Such forms of attacks are more consistent with an attempt to wear down Britain's power of resistance than with a plan for immediate invasion.

Similarly the attempt to close the Sicilian Channel and the threat of action against Greece and in the Balkans would have little effect on an immediate invasion project.

They might, however, be planned to induce Britain to disperse her naval and air strength and to some extent her land forces before the invasion was ultimately effected.

On the whole conditions do not seem at present to favour the invasion attempt.

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On the other hand, by maintaining the threat of invasion Germany can exploit the advantages of her central position. For the threat cannot, should not and will not be ignored. So it prevents Britain from exercising her full strength in the Mediterranean.

But should France, as one may hope, refuse to acquiesce in Hitler's demands, and should the United States decide to intervene actively against U-boat attacks on shipping, then in desperation a German attempt at invasion, as the main and leading feature of her attack on Britain, might be made.

It must not, however, be supposed that Britain will stand tamely on the defensive waiting for the threat of invasion to mature.

Her own counter-offensive action is her best means of upsetting Hitler's plans, whatever they may be.

It has already shattered Italy's ambitions and has proved more than a complete antidote to Hitler's war of nerves.

THE CLOWN AND THE TYRANT

A Stop Press Review Of Chaplin's 'Great Dictator'

(By K. AHMAD ABBAS)

FRIDAY, 1 a.m.

Clear all wires. Stop all presses. Here is news.

Hitler was killed a few minutes ago. Not on the battle-field. That is the place where brave men die. He died on the screen in a Bombay theatre. Not by bullet, bomb or gas. He was killed, with all his pomp and power, by laughter and ridicule and brilliant satire. The tyrant was killed by a clown. By Charlie Chaplin.

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"The Great Dictator," the Charlie Chaplin film which the world has been eagerly awaiting for two years, had its local premiere at the New Empire on Thursday night. Bombay gave Charlie a tumultuous reception —not Charlie the funny man in big, clumsy boots, but the new Charlie, hater of dictators, hater of injustice and intolerance.

"Modern Times" revealed Charlie as a social commentator. "The Great Dictator" shows him to have a larger vision, a more vital, urgent, message for humanity.

By producing "The Great Dictator," Chaplin carries on the tradition of such immortal "clowns" as Daumiere, Goya, Defoe and Cervantes all of whom used their devastating power of satire to expose the saw-dust Caesers of their times, riddling despots with the shafts of their wit, holding a mirror to all that was vain, unjust, pretentious and hypocritical in the society of their days.

Chaplin has written the latest chapter in the long history of the artist versus the tyrant.

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But if you think you will miss the old beloved Charlie in this film you are mistaken. He is there, with all his side-splitting gags and tricks. Only this time he gives us clowning with a definite purpose—the exposure of dictators as contemptible, vain little men, monomaniacs, drunk with conceit, ridiculous even in their cruel obsessions.

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The character of Adenoid Henkel that Charlie plays in this picture is a screamingly eloquent caricature of Hitler. Yes, the Fuehrer is there with all his petty little idiosyncracies, his complexes and obsessions. The guttural, hysterical jibberish of his speech, his pathetically pompous airs, his love of his reflection in the mirror,—they are all there, exaggerated for effect but essentially realistic.

His childish pranks with a balloon globe provide the finest and most significant sequence, bringing out the man's power-lust, his Caesermania. But the balloon bursts and Hitler's little self-created world is shattered in the twinkling of an eye. An happy omen, indeed.

Hitler can't accuse Chaplin of trying to ape him because Hitler stole Chaplin moustache which was familiar to millions of people all over the world even before Corporal Hitler enlisted in the Kaiser's army.

The symbol adopted by Chaplin in his role as the tyrant of Tomania is by itself a complete commentary on Hitler's political life. When you go to see this screen version of Hitler, you will find his uniform adorned not by a Swastika but by a—double Cross!

Along with Hitler, you will also see our friend, Benzino Napaloni, the brother dictator of Bkacteria, played so admirably by Jack Oakie. Also you will instantly recognise familiar faces as Marshall Herring and Herr Garbage. They are a screen, a riot.

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"The Great Dictator" is a stirring call for human liberty—not freedom for the white man alone, but of the black and the brown man as well.

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I believe that Chaplin wants the whole world—the common people—to see this picture. He is even reported to be pre-

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Frankly Speaking

Tough Proposition

With the complete subservience of Rumania to the Nazis and the imminent occupation of Bulgaria by German "tourists," the war is steadily moving towards the South-East. Beyond the Bulgarian border lies Turkey. But Turkey is not Rumania or Bulgaria. This country, once known as the Sick Man of Europe, is today the strongest and most united in the whole of South-Eastern Europe. And the Turks, watching Hitler's moves with unceasing vigilance, are determined to resist if the Nazi war-machine shows any signs of moving towards the Bosphorus. Indeed, according to one Turkish newspaper, it appears that Turkey will take action immediately German troops, infiltrating through Bulgaria, move towards the Greek frontier to cut off communications between Greece and Turkey and to lay open Turkish defences on the flank. Hitler will, indeed, find Turkey a very tough proposition.

On The Boil

The Balkan cauldron is rapidly coming to the boil. While the whole of Rumania is being turned into an armed camp with the typical thoroughness of the Germans, the Nazi forward tentacles appear to have now got Bulgaria into their firm grip. Not only is there no denial of the categorical charges made by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons, but even the semblance of secrecy seems to have now been given up both by Berlin and Sofia. The latest reports definitely confirm the presence of the Luftwaffe in Bulgaria and if the penetration continues at such a pace, the British Minister in Bulgaria will have also to demand his passport. The Soviet is said to be watching those developments with great uneasiness but as long as Stalin continues only to sit on the fence, Hitler will not be too much worried about him. Meanwhile, the Italo-German frontier is reported to be closed and all "visas" to Italy have been cancelled All those preparations show that Hitler's spring offensive is imminent. Where will be the first blow struck?

Congress Victories

If Government thought that the influence of the Congress was waning, they should be fairly disillusioned by now by the results of the recent Central Assembly by-elections. About a week ago Mr. Johri, a Congress candidate, had a walk-over in the Seven Cities Non-Muslim Urban Constituency election for the seat in the Central Assembly, made vacant by the death of Mr. Pyarilal Sharma. Now comes the report of a similar walk-over for Mr. Addepalle Satyanarayan Murti, a Congress Satyagrahi, elected unopposed for the Assembly seat for the Godavari-cum-Kistna Constituency in Madras, left vacant by Mr. Tirumala Rao, convicted for offering Satyagraha. And these first victories are not going to be the last. The Congress is by universal consent leading the struggle for India's freedom. The voters, therefore, will stand by it foursquare through thick and thin.

Scandalous

The war, which has brought misery to many, has brought prosperity to a few. In the second category may be put many of those who get fat war jobs, and many of the Europeans who get such jobs in India have the added privilege of getting a much higher salary than Indians doing the same work. Asked if this is not scandalous exploitation of India in the name of war, Government innocently state that there is nothing scandalous here and that the higher salaries for Europeans are an old practice. It is certainly true that favouritism shown to Europeans is an old practice but it is nonetheless scandalous.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Every man who does the very best he can is a true hero.

Nothing pleases a little man more than an opportunity to crack a big whip.

Even in the "fatherland" they invariably speak the "mother tongue."

Almost every man makes a more satisfactory lover than he does a husband.

It is hard to convince a man that he is the real thing when a bigger man has him down.

What miserable lives most of us would lead if we could hear everything that is said about us when we are not listening.

REMARKABLE GROWTH OF JOURNALISM IN INDIA

MADRAS, Feb. 12.

Opening the Silver Jubilee Buildings of the Press Photo Bureau, Madras, yesterday, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, Dewan of Travancore congratulated the proprietor Mr. Sarboji Row "on the completion of 25 years of meritorious work in a line of which he was practically a pioneer."

Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer referred to the growth of journalism in India and in the world in general and observed that the days of leisurely writing and of elaborate leaders had vanished never to return. The introduction of rapid means of communication and modern inventions had profoundly altered the manner and tempo of purveying news.

Journalism as a branch of literature had undoubtedly suffered a setback. On the other hand swift snappy paragraphs with suggestive headlines had become the feature of the daily and even weekly newspapers.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENTS—

"These prisoners are not decent, honest persons deserving of sympathy. The great majority of them are utterly worthless persons, whose life is spent in plotting the downfall of society. Members, I am convinced, will join me in feeling that persons capable of the worst kind of treachery do not deserve the sympathy of this House."
—Sir Reginald Maxwell.

"I am sorry he (the Home Member) should have called these people also traitors. They may be mistaken about the methods which they are following, but that a Britisher who engages himself for the sake of pay in holding a foreign country in bondage should call an Indian who fights for the freedom of his country, may be mistakenly as regards methods, a traitor is thoroughly unjust.—N. M. Joshi, M.L.A.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS
Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague Who Seems To Have Gone Completely Potty To-day)

(1) When Charlie Chaplin's latest film, "The Man Of Sorrows" was released last night, the cinema was picketed by local Jews.

(2) A woman sculptor has prepared a statue of Hitler entitled "The Great Dictator", cast in bronze for which the Nazi Fuehrer sent a consignment of Goering's old medals.

(3) The next documentary to be produced by the Government Film Advisory Board will be "How To Make Money—By Solving Crossword Puzzles."

(4) The Select Committee on Ticketless Travellers Bill has recommended that no fare shall be payable by a person found travelling without a ticket.

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Sir Reginald Maxwell, it is safe to assume, is not very much in love with the detenus.

After they read his speech in the columns of the Anglo-Indian papers supplied to them, no doubt they will be able to reciprocate his sentiments.

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Mr. Amery has spoken again. And that is about all that can be said about it.

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German-Italian frontier has been closed.

Is Duce getting nervous about the intentions of his Axis partner?

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"General Franco and Sgr. Mussolini were in military uniform. According to the Rome correspondent of the Spanish news agency both men showed emotion on meeting."

The nature of the emotion, however, is not mentioned. Could it be "love at first sight"?

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K.A.C. sends the following skit:—

I saw the comet. I observed it through a telescope from "Somewhere in Bombay". It had a tail. It had its tail up, but surely it was not wagging it.

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Its light was dimmed, and there was nothing blazing about its tail. Probably it was observing A.R.P. regulations.

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This elusive planetary visitor was trying to smokescreen itself from the wary eyes of star-gazers. It tried to take cover under the fading light of the setting sun, and immediately "comet" towards the rays of the rising moon with something of a "Blitz." Why worry about identifying it? It is the "Blitz-comet."

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My scientist guide told me that the so-called tail of the comet was nothing but gaseous matter which the star contracted when it appeared near the sun. He also assured me that the comet would lose its tail when it went away from the sun. Anyway, I was not prepared for this Darwinianism in the heavens!

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A Hindu star-gazer by my side warned me that the comet was a visitation, and its tail would not be visible on any other planet except the earth. One could not gulp in this tall comet-yarn unless one was prepared to go to the moon and prove it.

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Even according to Hindu astrologers the appearance of the comet need not necessarily be calamitous, but may simply forebode some strange or mysterious happenings. Surveying the Indian horizon, the only mysterious happening synchronising with the appearance of the comet is the disappearance of Subhas Bose.

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Said the young bride: 'To commemorate an awful quarrel we had last week, Jim and I planted a tree in the garden.'

'Well, now,' replied her friend, 'that is a nice idea'! If Fred and I had done that we should have a regular forest by now.

Liberal Test For Britain's Sincerity

Let Them Transfer Power To People's Representatives

CONSIDER CONGRESS CREED OF NON-VIOLENCE OBSTACLE IN WAY OF COMPROMISE: CONDEMN LEAGUE'S PAKISTAN SCHEME

All political parties should co-operate wholeheartedly with the British Government in the prosecution of the war without prejudice to their various demands:

The British Government should unequivocally declare their intention to part with real power and give immediate proof of their intention by "substantial" action:

The Major political parties should put their heads together to remove communal differences and hammer out the future constitution of India:

Coalition popular Governments should be formed both in the Provinces and in the Centre for immediate purposes.

These were the suggestions for ending the political deadlock in the country, made by Sir Chimanlal Setalvad in the course of his speech presiding over a public meeting held at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Thursday evening.

The meeting held under the auspices of the Western India National Liberal Association was addressed by Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Dr. R. P. Paranjpe and Mr. N. C. Bharucha.

DISTRESSING STALEMATE

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad in the course of his speech said that the present political situation in the country could most aptly be described as a distressing stalemate which was detrimental to the best interests of the country. It was a great pity that in the midst of a war on the result of which depended the future of Democracy and of India, there should have been such differences not only between political minded people in India and Britain but between various political parties in India itself.

Sir Chimanlal held that the Congress, the Muslim League and the British Government were all responsible for the present situation.

Dealing with the Congress first, he stated that the Congress was largely responsible for the present communal tension. While in power the Congress, he alleged, had failed to win the confidence of the minorities. At first, the Congress had said that there was no communal problem in India and if there was any it could be solved after Independence was achieved.

Furthermore he thought that if the Congress leaders were sincere in their professions of non-violence, they would, as soon as power was transferred to them, hand over the country to Hitler and would not resist any aggressor from the East or the West.

Turning to the Muslim League he deplored the fact that they were drifting into an extreme position by their Pakistan demand. No man with patriotism could accept such a division of the country. Any partition of India would be not only against the best interests of the country but would also be suicidal to the Muslims themselves.

SUSPICION OF BR. INTENTIONS

As regards the British Government, Sir Chimanlal said that they had failed to mobilise Indian goodwill by their unimaginative and distrustful attitude. Their offers from time to time had been halting. Their final proposals had not received a favourable response in this country as there was a deep-rooted suspicion in the Indian minds about the British being really sincere in their intentions to part with power. This suspicion had been strengthened by the policies pursued by the Government in respect of defence and industrial development. It was felt that Britain was guided more by regard to British than Indian interests.

TEST FOR SINCERITY

In conclusion he stated that if the British Government were sincere in their professions they must agree to the immediate transfer of power to Indian hands; and if the political leaders sincerely desired the progress of India they should put aside their pet schemes and programmes and agree to cooperate with each other.

PARANJPE'S APPEAL

While appealing to the Congress and the Muslim League to proceed along a "path of reality" and give up their present attitude which was responsible for the deadlock, Dr. R. P. Paranjpe urged the Government to take such steps as would create goodwill and confidence in India. The "intellectual sympathy" of India he said, was with Britain in her present hour of trial. Indians did realise as to what the consequences of a Nazi victory would be for the whole world. But the mere intellectual realisation of the dangers consequent on the defeat of democracies was not enough. Dr. Paranjpe said that it was the duty of the British Government to create in India the necessary psychological atmosphere wherein every Indian would voluntarily come forward to help Britain. It was time the British Government realised that the words "too late" were writ large on every action taken by them so far in enabling India to take her proper place in the British Commonwealth.

SCARE OF CIVIL WAR

Sir Cowasji Jehangir prefaced his remarks by saying that it was a depressing task to speak on the political situation as autocratic government prevailed in the major part of the country. For this position, he thought the Congress was responsible.

He said that the Poona offer of the Congress could not be accepted because the condition precedent to their helping to form a Central Government was an undertaking by the British Government that they should grant independence. Further the constitution was to be settled by a Constituent Assembly elected on Adult Franchise. There were millions of people in the country who would refuse to accept a Constituent Assembly if it was chosen on the basis of adult franchise. It had been publicly announced that such a step would mean civil war and no government engaged in war could take the risk of civil war.

Sir Cowasji thought that the creed of Non-violence was a real obstacle to the Congress joining a Central Government. There was no doubt that Mr. Gandhi sincerely believed in non-violence. This had been proved by the fact that he was even prepared to part company with the Congress on that issue. He thought that there were very few Congress leaders who really believed in Non-violence. But so long as the leaders of the Congress with the exception of Mr. Gandhi were in jail, the creed of non-violence must continue to be the most important plank in Congress politics. That being the case the solution of the deadlock seemed to him hopeless.

He pleaded for a greater spirit of compromise because so long as Non-violence was their chief plank it would not be possible for the Congress to co-operate with any party in the centre, as long as the war lasts.

THE CLOWN AND THE TYRANT

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pared to supply it free to certain countries. His purpose has been not to make money out of "The Great Dictator".

It is surprising, therefore, that such a picture should be shown at specially enhanced prices. At the premiere people who paid Re. 1/12 per seat were returned home with headaches because their seats were hardly 20 feet from the screen. Optical experts won't recommend even the four-anna class to be accommodated at such a distance.

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Fate plays funny tricks. Adolf Hitler and Charlie Chaplin were born in the same year—1889. One grew to be a grim unsmiling dictator, destined to cause anguish and misery to millions. The other became the world's greatest comedian who makes millions laugh and who was destined to "kill" the dictator by his clowning and his genius.

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And yet somehow, you feel not merely hatred but pity for this man. And at least I somehow felt that if only Hitler would allow himself to see this film—to see this psychological X-Ray of his mind—he might decide to change into a more human being.

Rubber Famine In Germany

LONDON, February 13

The recent official announcement that five big United States rubber companies were co-operating with Britain in refusing to supply the Axis draws attention to the German position in this key commodity.

Information reaching official quarters in London gives good reason for the belief that German stocks of rubber in all forms at the end of 1940 were less than 10,000 tons, while the requirements upto September 1941 are likely to approximate five times that figure.—Reuter.

War Enters New Phase

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the Pacific in support of a German attack in Europe are also being discussed here. These developments tend to confirm the information reaching Chinese Headquarters here that Germany has been very active in the last three weeks urging Japan to move in the Pacific against Britain and the United States, also that Japan has agreed to support Germany.

In many Chinese quarters, it is considered that China will not remain idle if Japan attacks in the Southern Pacific since China can effectively aid Britain in the Defence of Burma and Singapore either by sending troops into Burma and Malaya or by launching a counter-offensive in China.

An indication that the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr is unlikely to leave Chungking in the immediate future is seen in Lady Kerr's arrival here from Hongkong this morning by plane. The Ambassador was originally scheduled to leave this week by air for Hongkong to join Lady Kerr.—Reuter.

C.-in-C. Of Far East To Meet Australian War Council

SYDNEY, Feb. 13.

The people of Australia were warned to-day that war had entered a new phase of "utmost gravity" in an official statement issued after a meeting of the Advisory War Council to-day (Thursday) which called for the "greatest effort for preparedness which this country ever made."

The Acting Prime Minister Mr. Fadden and the Labour Leader Mr. Curtin in a joint statement after the meeting said: "The Council considered a cable message dealing with recent development in the International situation. The chiefs of staff together with Sir Robert Brook-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, the Far East, were invited to be present at to-morrow's meeting to discuss the situation.—Reuter.

H. M. S. "Sydney" Arrives In Harbour

SYDNEY, Feb. 13

Sydney awoke to-day (Thursday) to the exciting realisation that the famous H.M.A.'s "Sydney," Conqueror of the Italian Cruiser "Bartolomeo Colleoni," had arrived in harbour overnight and was riding peacefully at anchor in their midst after nearly a year of war service abroad.—Reuter.

WEYGAND LEAVES FOR W. AFRICA

LONDON, Feb. 13

General Weygand has left Algiers for a tour of inspection of French West Africa, states the Lyons Radio.—Reuter.

Bombs Dropped In E. Anglia And N. Scotland

LONDON, Feb. 13.

London had a short alert after dark to-night (Thursday), the first to be heard at such an early hour for several nights. Shortly before the alert a high explosive bomb fell in one London area where gunfire was also heard. A Messerschmidt 109 that attacked the Dover balloon barrage to-day was badly damaged by a Spitfire. It disappeared with smoke pouring out.

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security 'communique' to-night says, "A few enemy aircraft for the most part flying singly have crossed our coasts during daylight to-day. Bombs were dropped at points in East Anglia and North Scotland. The damage caused was slight and casualties were very few."—Reuter.

BURMA-CHINA ROAD NOT RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE

Moscow Radio Refutes Japanese Claim

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Japanese claim that continuous bombing by Japanese planes has rendered the Burma-China road unserviceable is refuted by the Moscow radio which says that the Burma-China road is in perfect condition and traffic continues.—Reuter.

NEW CHIEF OF SOVIET GENERAL STAFF

Gen. Zhukov Who Earned Title Of "Hero Of Soviet Union"

MOSCOW, Feb. 13.

General Zhukov, former head of the Kiev Military District has been appointed Chief of the Soviet General Staff.

General Zhukov, who is about 47, had a rapid military career. He earned the title "Hero of the Soviet Union" for his achievements in the miniature frontier war against the Japanese there in 1939.

General Meretskov, whom he succeeded, is also "a hero of the Soviet Union" for his part in the war against Finland. Both men have the title of "General of the Army" of which there are only three.—Reuter.

WAR AIMS AND INDIA

Amery On Britain's Pledge To Build Up System Of Free Govt.

LONDON, Feb. 13

At a luncheon meeting of the Rotarian Club Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for India, referring to war aims said that he was content at this stage to submit the following:—Preservation of the wonderful fabric which the free co-operation of our predecessors have built up and the further development of the path of political and social progress.

"Think of India alone—a continent comparable to Europe not only in its extent and population, but the diversity of its elements. We are pledged to help the peoples of India to build upon the foundations of internal peace and political and economic unity which we have laid, the super-structure of a system of free Government, which will alike enable the various elements in India to co-operate harmoniously for their own welfare and security enabling India as a whole to fulfil her destiny as an equal partner in the brotherhood of free nations called the British Empire.

No nobler mission has ever been set before itself by any nation. It is not a light task. There is no specious formula, no ready-to-measure specious formula of western solution which will solve India's complex problems. They will call for all the statemanship we and India can bring to bear upon them."

R.A.F. ATTACK ON RHODES ISLAND CONTINUES

Nazi Attack On British Convoy: Big Berthas Shell Dover

LONDON, Feb. 13.

It is learned in London that a British convoy was attacked in the Atlantic yesterday. Nothing is yet known of the damage or loss.

German long-range guns on the French coast opened fire across the Straits of Dover to-day for the third day in succession. Shelling was still going on.

NAZI PLANES OVER BRITAIN

Slight air activity developed near the western coasts of Britain during the night but very few bombs were dropped according to the Air Ministry.

Isolated incidents involving slight damage and injury to a small number of people are reported from the South-west and South Wales.

British Losses

It is stated in authoritative circles that the recent gigantic raid by the Royal Air Force on Hanover has caused a fresh outburst of Axis exaggerations "doubtless as a palliative to civilian morale."

On Tuesday, the Germans claimed that there were 50 British victims, a figure which was later increased to 77.

The actual R.A.F. losses are "over Germany and occupied territory:

ON SUNDAY two,
MONDAY three,
MONDAY-TUESDAY night four, and
TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY four."

Attack On Rhodes

The R.A.F. offensive against aerodromes of the Rhodes Island, the most easterly possessed by the Axis, was continued on Tuesday night and Maritza, Calato and Katavia were raided with what the Cairo 'communique' describes as "considerable success."

Fires engulfed buildings at Maritza, fuel dumps at Calato and it is believed a munition dump at Katavia.

Anti-aircraft fire was considerable, but R.A.F. planes after pressing home their attack returned to their base undamaged.

At least seven aircraft were destroyed at Calato.

In East Africa

In the meantime the R.A.F. hammering of Italian East Africa continued yesterday. Considerably active in the Keren area of Eritrea, the R.A.F. there bombarded "throughout the day" a railway station, dumps, motor transports and gun positions. Northeast of Keren, at Orti, military stores suffered several direct hits. Warehouses and other military targets were raided at Assab.

The South African Air Force was in operation further south. Camouflaged buildings at Asmadu were destroyed. Between Jeliv and Brava in Italian Somaliland a number of lorries in a column of motor transport were attacked and set on fire.

All the aircraft returned safely.

Malta was raided yesterday by a number of German and Italian aircraft, but the 'Communique' states that no damage or casualties resulted.

Importance Of Rhodes

The renewed attention aerodromes in Rhodes received points to the new significance which the Island has assumed with the shadow of the Luftwaffe lengthening in South-East Europe and the Mediterranean. Both the British Navy and the R.A.F. are determined that the German Air Force should not do better now or if the Mediterranean theatre of war becomes bigger, say Reuter's Air Correspondent.

Within the 475-mile arc of Rhodes, which is the range limit of medium bombers, lies most of Greece, including Salonika and Patras, British-occupied Libya as Barce, Egypt as deep as Cairo, Haifa and Cyprus, much of Turkey and half of Bulgaria.

Confirmation that contingents of both the air forces of the Axis are now based on Rhodes is lacking.—Reuter.

Advance On Arreza Continues

CAIRO, Feb. 13.

The situation about Keren in Eritrea continues to develop, says a "communique" issued from the G.H.Q.

It adds "by a series of local attacks our troops are steadily improving their positions in the hills covering the town. Farther South, our advance on Arreza is progressing satisfactorily."

Dealing with Abyssinia the 'communique' adds, "In the Hobok area South African troops continue successfully to extend the area of their penetration. On other fronts, the situation remains unchanged."—Reuter.

Wanted "Communist" Arrested

JULLUNDER, Feb. 13

Dasondha Singh, said to be a Communist, who was wanted by the police, was arrested last evening at Phagwara railway station under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

College Student Arrested

FARIDPUR, Feb. 12.

Priti Acharya, a first year student of the local Rajendra College and residing in Lakshmipur, a suburb of the town, was arrested following search of his house where, it is reported, some objectionable literature was seized.—United Press.

Numbers Do Not Count In Satyagraha

Mahatma's Advice To Berar P. C. C. Chief: Congress Medicos And Govt. Jobs

NAGPUR, February 13.

"I want quality and not number. I may get a few 'Satyagrahis' to-day but their number is bound to increase. I prefer five 'Satyagrahis' of quality to hundreds because these five will fight till the last. There should be no competition between Provinces for number."

This reply is given by Mahatma Gandhi to Mr. Vamanrao Joshi, President of the Vidarbha Provincial Congress, to a question whether the Province should give the best possible 'Satyagrahis' or should go without any if none comes to the prescribed standard.

CONGRESS MEDICOS & GOVT. JOBS

Replying to another question whether medical practitioners being Congressmen should work in local dispensaries in the place of Government doctors proceeding to the war front, Gandhiji is understood to have replied that there was "no objection provided they are not going to offer 'Satyagraha'."

DEMAND FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

Asked what Congressmen should do if the Government demanded motor vehicles under the new notification Gandhiji is reported to have said that the vehicles might be given.

"Persons between 18 and 21 may be allowed to offer 'Satyagraha' if they fulfil all the requisite conditions," Gandhiji is reported to have added.—United Press.

AS GOOD AS SATYAGRAHA

Mahatma Insists On Constructive Programme

WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 13.

"Have belief in service and work. This is a greater duty".

This message, it is understood, was given by Mahatma Gandhi to Mr. Ramnath Agarwal, Secretary of the Moga (Punjab) City Congress Committee, who is leaving Sewagram to-day after a fortnight's stay.

Mahatma Gandhi, it is learned, has insisted on the necessity for intensifying constructive work which is as equally important as Satyagraha.

It is reported that Mahatma Gandhi told Mr. Ramnath Agarwal: "Do not flatter your opponents but try to win them over by work and love and convert them to your view or bring them into the Congress fold as true believers in Congress programme".

Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi has sent the following message to the women of the Punjab: "I know that the women of the Punjab spin but while Satyagraha continues, I appeal to them to spin more and also to wear Khadi".—A. P.

ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS

In Gujarat

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 13.

Mr. Maganlal Bhikhabhai Makvana, Harijan leader, was arrested to-day while offering Satyagraha at Tarapore, a village in Ahmedabad District.—A. P.

In Karnatak:

The following are the names of persons arrested and sentenced in connection with Satyagraha:—

HUBLI:—M. G. Gopi (M.L.A.) from Karwar sentenced one year S. I. Vasudev Kini and Hari Gangolli six months' S. I. each and Honnappa Naik, four months'.

DHARWAR:—S. P. Limaye and Narayan Kshirsagar, four months' each, Basayya Mathapati and Mingappa Sansi, six months' each, Gouramma Kajjari, Rs. 100 fine, in default two months and Basamma Kusagur, Rs. 200 fine in default three months.—A. P.

In Delhi:

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13.

Mr. Satrughan Sharma was sentenced to-day to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment on two counts for shouting anti-war slogans and making a speech.

Mr. Brahmanand Pathak was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment under Defence of India Rules for shouting anti-war slogans.—United Press.

In U. P.:

Arrests And Convictions

BENARES, Feb. 13

Following are Satyagraha arrests and convictions to various terms of imprisonment or fines reported from the districts:—

GHAZIPUR:—Messrs. Sukhrej Pande and Arjun Singh sentenced. Messrs. Shiva Poojen Singh and Ram Yaj Singh arrested.

BALIA:—Messrs. Brahmeshwar Nath Pande and Gyan Poojen Singh and Yamuna Singh Shatwar sentenced.

JAUNPUR:—Messrs. Badri Nath Tiwari, Ram Lakhan Singh, Ramesh Chandra Sharma and Dalsingh Vakil sentenced.

SULTANPUR:—Indira Dutta Mishra sentenced.—A. P.

SHAHJANPUR, Feb. 12.

Shrimati Ramrati Devi Agarwal, a Satyagrahi has been sentenced to three months' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50. She has been placed in "B" class.

Mr. Roop Singh, a member of the United Provinces P. C. C. has been sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50 in default further imprisonment of six months.—A. P.

AMBALA, Feb. 13.

Following further arrests and convictions are reported in connection with the Satyagraha movement:—

Pandit Harichand, President of the April Tehsil Congress Committee, and Maulvi Mohammad Anwar of Apra, sentenced to one year's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 200, each, in default six months' further imprisonment.

Bhagat Poloram, sentenced to one year's R. I.

Darshan Singh, arrested in Jullundur.—A. P.

Student Worker In Custody

BENARES, Feb. 13.

Mr. Balram Pande, President of the Sanskrit Students' Association, has been arrested under a warrant from the Benares State.—A. P.

Allahabad Editor Arrested

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 13.

Mr. B. D. Mukerji, Editor of a local paper, has been arrested under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

JHANSI:—Seth Murlidhar Agarwala, Treasurer of the Jhansi District Congress Committee arrested.

DEHRA DUN:—Mr. Budhiprakash, a member of the District Congress Committee and Mr. Deepchand arrested.

MEERUT:—Haji Hafiz Hamidulla Khan General Secretary of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema, Meerut and a member of the City Satyagraha Committee and Choudhry Mukhtar Singh, a member of the District Congress Committee arrested.

SHOLAPUR:—Narsappa Chinta and Baldava—sentenced to six months' S. I. each. B. L. Kawadi and S. N. Jamdar one year S. I. each.—A. P.

In Tamil Nad:

House Searches & Arrests

TIRUNELVELI, Feb. 13

As a sequel to house searches at different places in this district, the police arrested nine persons under the Defence of India Rules and produced them before the Sub-Divisional Magistrate Tinnevelly who remanded them to sub-jail till February 20.—A. P.

Sec. 144 Sequel

MADURA, Feb. 13.

Following the promulgation of the order under Sec. 144 owing to communal tension, Satyagraha has been suspended within the limit of Madura.—A. P.

In Bihar:

P. C. C. Member Jailed

SITAMARHI, Feb. 12.

Mr. Satyadev Narayan Singh, a member of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee who was arrested at Gandhi Sevak Sadan for offering Satyagraha, was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment. He has been placed in "A" class.—United Press.

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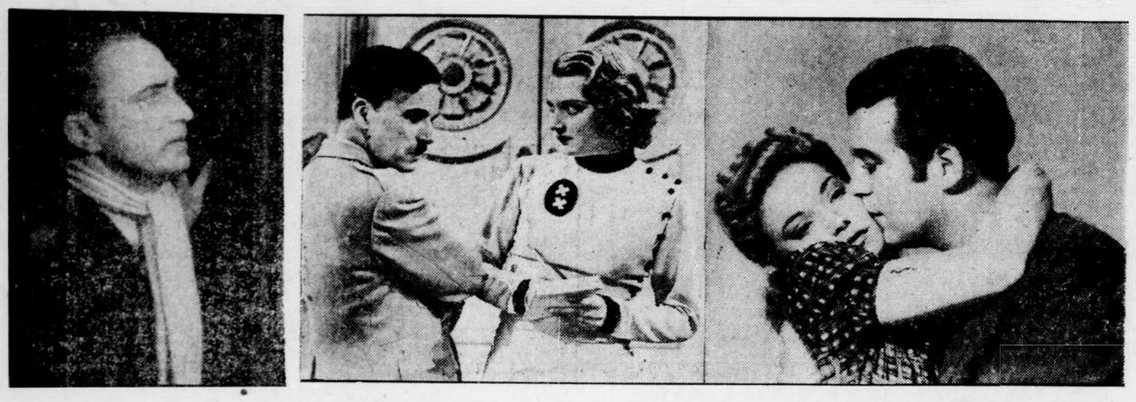
King Of Comedians In Town



Conrard Veidt in 'Contraband' at Metro; Charlie Chaplin and Paulette Goddard in "the Great Dictator" at New Empire and Margaret Lindsay and George Sanders in 'the House of the Seven Gables' at Regal.

Great Novel On Regal Screen

Film Version Of "The House Of The Seven Gables"

That no Hollywood picture producer has ever placed Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The House of the Seven Gables" before the cameras until now is somewhat surprising but that oversight has now been remedied. The picture is now completed and will be the featured attraction at the Regal starting from Friday.

When Universal discovered that the Hawthorne tale had never before been filmed, it quietly began preparations for its production. They did not want any other studio to beat them to the screen with it.

Jack Otterson, the studio's art director, was sent to Salem, Mass., to inspect, photograph and draw plans of the "The House of the Seven Gables" of Hawthorne's dramatic masterpiece. It wasn't until sets were ready for the cameras that the studio announced that the picture would be made.

Joe May was assigned to the direction. The cast includes George Sanders, Margaret Lindsay, Vincent Price, Nan Grey and Dick Foran. Miss Lindsay appears as Hepzibah; Sanders as Jaffrey Pyncheon; Price as his brother, Clifford; Nan Grey as Phoebe and Dick Foran as Matthew Maule.

Three of Universal's stages were crowded with sets representing interiors of the ill-fated and forbidding mansion in which most of the action takes place. Otterson's plans and drawings resulted in the creation of replicas of the main living rooms of the house, the upper and lower hallways, and in the construction of a duplicate of the mansion at the studio's back lot.

Only slight changes were necessary in Hawthorne's story, Burt Kelly, associate producer of the picture declares. Hepzibah and Clifford, sister and brother in Hawthorne's original tale, will appear as distant cousins in love with each other. Jaffrey, Clifford's uncle in the book will be seen as his cruel and grasping brother. A prologue, covering details told in retrospect in Hawthorne's novel, was filmed to further enhance the action of the picture.

"The Thief Of Bagdad" In Fourth Week

'The Thief of Bagdad', the picture portraying the Arabian Nights atmosphere and featuring among others the well-known Indian star Sabu, continues for the fourth week at Excelsior, the public demand to see it having still remained unsatisfied.

Chaplin Speaks In "The Great Dictator"

And He Has Excellent Speaking Voice

It was very amusing to watch the discomfiture on many faces when Charlie Chaplin spoke on the screen for the first time as evidenced in "The Great Dictator", which was released at the New Empire, last night.

The nearest he has ever come to speech in a picture was the "Titina" number in "Modern Times" in which he sang a song in a sort of gibberish.

For many years Charlie has been so identified with the pantomimic role of "the little tramp," a great number of people came to the conclusion he couldn't speak, forgetting that prior to his entrance into moving pictures in 1913, Charlie was a recognized actor—not only with the Karno Repertoire Company with which he came to the United States, but had played in support of such well-known stars as William Gillette, Irene Vanbrugh and many others.

SPOKE FOR N.R.A.

When President Roosevelt inaugurated the N.R.A., some years ago Charlie made a radio broadcast in its favour. There were many skeptics who, because they couldn't see him, went so far as to say that though Charlie was announced as the speaker, they didn't believe it was really his voice they heard.

Now, in "The Great Dictator," they can see as well as hear, and many will marvel that he stayed silent for so many years. As "the little tramp" Charlie, as well as most of his followers, believed he should have no voice. He was universally known and understood in pantomime much as the mythical characters of Santa Claus and other people created solely from imagination are known and understood. In "The Great Dictator", he deviates only slightly in his interpretation of his character—wears the same clothes, affects the same inimitable mannerisms that have made Charlie famous.

HOW HE GOT OVER

But the problem presented itself—how was he to break his silence for the first time? For each person in a Chaplin audience had his own interpretation of a voice the little man would use. The transition would have to be gradual—and most important of all—for a reason.

How Charlie bridged this barrier is only another tribute to his amazing ingenuity, and is one of the basic motives for the story. And 'how' this is done is one of the many surprises waiting for all the Chaplin fans who so eagerly look forward to his pictures.

Film Programme At Capitol

There will a change of programme at the Capitol (from Friday) as under:—

Friday, 14th:—"I Love You Again", with William Powell and Myrna Loy

Saturday, 15th and Sunday, 16th:—"Balalaika", with Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey.

Monday, 17th and Tuesday, 18th "Bonnie Scotland". with Laurel and Hardy.

Wednesday, 19th and Thursday 20th:—"Mutiny on The Bounty" with Charles Laughton and Clark Gable.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO

On Sunday, February 16th at 10 A.M. Luise Rainer, Fernand Gravet and Miliza Korjus will be presented in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's musical festival "The Great Waltz."

SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL

"Thev Shall Have Music" with Jascha Heifetz will be shown at the Regal on Sunday morning at 10-30.

"Boom Town" At Broadway

Revealing the entire story of the thrilling drama of oil, with a story that is entirely one of action and with a star group that includes Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert and Hedy Lamarr, "Boom Town" will be shown from to-day at Broadway, Dadar in its second run.

Through this story run scenes of roaring gushers, flaming oil fires whiffed out with TNT, blistering fist fights, a head-first dive into a street of mud to escape a rain of bullets, the hero on a bucking mule, a thrilling hold-up, a scrap between two dance hall girls and thousands of other fast-action sequences. It is M.G.M. picture.

NATIONAL STUDIO NEWS

Mr. Govindrao Tembe, the well-known musician of Maharashtra, who travelled to Europe sometime ago in the suite of H. H. the Yuvaraja of Mysore has joined the staff of National Studios as Music Director of their new Marathi picture, work on which has just been begun by Director Virendra Desai.

"Contraband" At Metro

Conrad Veidt & Valerie Hobson Starring

A picture of topical interest, depicting the British control of neutral shipping to cut off the supplies to Germany from abroad, called 'Contraband' is being shown at Metro from to-day. Conrad Veidt is cast as captain of a Danish ship and with him is starred Valerie Hobson as Mrs. Sorensen, a passenger on his ship.

The first half of the picture shows you a number of boats, cruisers, trading ships, passenger ships in the midst of sea and the watch that British ships keep on all others including German and neutral to intercept their journey. The British mean no harm to neutral ship and their policy is to make sure their neutrality unlike that of the Germans who first torpedo a ship and then start inquiries.

While the inspection of this Danish ship 'Helvig' is going on, the British Officers are convinced of its neutral character and therefore invite the ship's captain and mate ashore for dinner. They issue landing passes them but they are stolen and used by two other passengers on the ship, a Mr. Pidgeon and a Mrs. Sorensen.

They are really in the employ of the British naval intelligence but the Captain of the ship thinks they are German spies. He follows them in the London blackout and number of situations arise in which it is difficult to make out who is spying whom. British navy officers, all along have a kindly watch on the Danish Captain and all ends well with the wedding of the Anderson and Mrs. Sorensen.

The film is made by the British National Films Ltd., with the cooperation of the British navy.

A New Film Concern At Surat

A new concern has been started in Surat with a minimum capital of two lacs. The Directorate of this concern includes Dr. Kharshed Ardeshir Contractor, Retired Civil Surgeon, Surat. It aims at producing high class social pictures. As a side programme educational pictures are also intended. The first production is 'Upkar'.

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL

"The Trail of The Lonesome Pine", with Henry Fonda, Silvia Sidney and Fred Macmurray will be shown at the Capitol on Sunday at 10-30 a.m.

"Hindi Day" On Feb. 15

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 12.

The General Secretary of the All India Sahitya Sammelan in a statement appeals to people of all provinces to observe Feb. 15 as Hindi Day as a protest against the orders of the U. P. Government to its Census Department to enter language of people as Hindustani instead of as Hindi.

GRUESOME MURDER IN CHIRABAZAR

Masseuse Brutally Stabbed And Gashed In Frenzied Attack

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The City Coroner recommended the prosecution of Sankappa Kannappa Shetty a shop-keeper for the murder of Rosy Chingadenti Cruz (35), the proprietress of the Royal Massage at Chira Bazar on February 1.

Maggie S. Fernandes, a Masseuse, in giving evidence, at the resumed hearing of the inquest, to-day, told the court that on the day in question when she was busy with a customer, she heard a cry "Bai ekdishi marleyn". She rushed to the scene and saw the suspect stabbing the deceased in the chest. She further said that she saw the deceased falling in a pool of blood with her intestines protruding.

Enquiry disclosed that there had been differences between the two over the question of some money matter.

Chritina Souza, deposed that as the suspect had not returned the amount given to him (suspect) by the deceased she had filed a suit against him in the High Court.

High Court

INTERESTING QUESTION OF HINDU LAW

Can Maintence Be Reduced Because Of Widow's Personal Earnings?

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Divatia)

Bai Jaya: .....Appellant

v. D. G. Kalidas: .....Respondent

The respondent brought this suit for reduction of the maintenance of Rs. 65 per year granted to the appellant, a widow, under a consent decree should be stopped or reduced on two grounds—first, that the widow had been earning Rs. 45 per month as a nurse and secondly that the income of the ancestral property had decreased since the maintenance was fixed. The trial court held against the respondent on the second ground, but accepted the first ground as constituting a change of circumstances and reduced the maintenance awarded to the appellant to Rs. 15 per year. The assistant judge confirmed this reduction in appeal. Aggrieved by this decision, the widow appealed to the High Court.

Delivering judgment in the case His Lordship stated that the principles applicable to cases of reduction of maintenance were laid down in the Bombay case of Gopikabai v. Dattatraya (24 Bom. 386), which enunciates that a permanent deterioration in the family property would justify reduction of maintenance. His Lordship then observed that there was authority for the proposition that any personal income of the widow by her own exertions would justify a reduction in the maintenance already fixed (I.L.R. (1938) Lah. 352; 12 Pat. 869; A.I.R. (1934) Mad. 384). On principle too the reduction was objectionable as conducing to idleness and removing any incentive for the widow to earn her own living. Every uncertain fluctuation in the widow's income should not affect the Hindu widow's maintenance already fixed by a decree. His lordship, therefore, allowed the appeal and dismissed the respondent's suit with costs,—holding that permanent reduction in the income of the family property alone would justify reduction of the widow's maintenance, which should not be affected by her personal earnings.

Mr. C. K. Shah appeared for the appellant.

Mr. J. C. Shah appeared for the respondent.

Inquiry Into Jubbulpore Firing?

NAGPUR, Feb. 12.

It is learnt that a magisterial enquiry on the deaths resulting from the police firing at Jubbulpore on Feb. 9 when a Muslim procession was taken out has been ordered by the Provincial Government.

The military troops who were patrolling the affected areas in Jubbulpore following the communal disturbances there have been now withdrawn. There have been no incidents in the city since the firing took place and the funeral of the Muslims killed in the disturbance passed off quietly.—A. P.

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NO! HONEST, I DIDN'T!
AND THERE'S A STRING OF FISH TO PROVE IT!
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Western India Tennis Championships

Kantawala And Miss Row Eliminated: Madan Mohan Succumbs To Prince Of Cutch

Interest is certainly increasing, and a large gathering of tennis fans watched another long programme of matches in the Western India Tennis Championships on Thursday. This interest will certainly be augmented from today onwards, as each afternoon a number of class matches are sure to be witnessed.

Many people, in the Men's Singles, fancied the chances of Madan Mohan against the Prince of Cutch. The latter, however, prevailed and convincingly. Madan Mohan's game slumped unaccountably. Instead of tightening up in a manner generally associated with him in past years, his control became steadily worse against the attack of the Prince of Cutch, who is certainly a reliable player.

A good match was the meeting of J. Charanjiva and R. Samukawa. The former won 6-4, 6-3. Charanjiva's ground stroke play was more certain and more drastic. Spectators were not surprised by his control on the backhand against the Japanese player's cross-court forehand. Charanjiva showed he could still live against speed and drive, even generating more pace and variety in reply.

The Rasikumar of Wankaner entered the next round at the cost of M. R. Merchant. Play indicated that winner's speed of shot through the air gave Merchant little time to shape for his volleys. Merchant had trouble in tucking them away at once, and was rarely given a second opportunity in the same rally, so sure was the Rasikumar with his passing shot.

N. Balaram failed to trouble M. V. Bobjee and went down tamely.

The best Doubles tie was the match between R. N. Pundit—M. G. Limaye association and O. Sutton and C. W. Barker, the former pair triumphing. The powerful game of Pundit and Limaye was too much for the losers. Parallel formation beat the one-up-one-back pair.

In the Women's singles Miss S. Mehta's controlled severity off the ground and on service gave her all the openings she needed for her great volleys. Well as her opponent Miss J. C. Mehta played, there was little she could do to stem the tide of defeat.

J. N. Kantawala and Miss Leela Row acknowledged defeat against S. A. Azim and Miss Woodbridge. The winning pair played well balanced and an orthodox doubles game. Their forte was clever interception, and Miss Woodbridge's was shrewed in the placing of her volleys.

L. M. Khatau and Miss Martin eliminated Man Mohan and Miss Mohini Jhangiani. Khatau and Miss Martin entered the next round by unremitting attack on service, drive and volley against their opponents.

MEN'S SINGLES

J. R. Sanghani beat W. Richardson, 6-8, 6-2, 6-3; Prince of Cutch beat Madan Mohan 6-2, 6-2; Rasikumar of Wankaner beat M. R. Merchant, 6-3, 6-3; A. E. Owen beat Dr. Roy Cohn, 6-1, 6-0; J. Charanjiva beat R. Samukawa, 6-4, 6-3; Man Mohan beat R. B. Sagrenja, 6-1, 6-1; M. V. Bobjee beat N. Balaram 6-0, 6-1; P. N. Pereira beat M. S. Nemant, 6-3, 6-2; Dr. Sanghani beat H. Harada, 6-0, 6-1; Shodan beat J. H. Wadia, 6-2, 6-2

MEN'S DOUBLES

R. N. Pundit and M. G. Limaye beat O. Sutton and C. W. Barker, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; J. Charanjiva and J. N. Kantawala beat R. M. Sanghani and B. M. Rao 6-1, 6-4; Rasikumar of Wankaner and Prince of Cutch beat M. R. Row and Peerbhoy, 6-2, 6-3; A. C. Pereira and F. F. Vakharia beat N. E. Patil and G. V. Nath, 6-1, 6-3; G. T. Gillespie and C. W. Owen beat H. N. Contractor and F. R. Ratnagar 6-2, 11-9; K. K. Dastur and I. N. Laljee beat L. M. Khatau and R. R. Ruia, 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Mrs. Maine beat Miss Shroff, 6-2, 6-1, Miss S. Mehta beat Miss J. C. Mehta 6-1, 6-0

MIXED DOUBLES

K. K. Dastur and Miss S. Mehta beat J. E. Tew and Mrs. Tew, 11-9, (unfinished); S. A. Azim and Miss Woodbridge beat J. N. Kantawala and Miss L. Row, 6-1, 6-3; R. N. Ruia and Miss Fowler beat A. Peermahomed and Miss Bennett 6-3, 6-1; L. M. Khatau and Miss Martin beat Man Mohan and Miss Jhangiani, 6-3, 6-1.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Mrs. Maine and Mrs. Jhonstone Vs. Mrs. Captain and Mrs. Seddon, 6-2 (retired); Mrs. Captain early in the second set fell and hurt her ankle seriously.

To-day's Matches

COURT NO. 2

4 p.m. Miss Haji and M. V. Bobjee Vs. D. G. Desai and Miss Shroff.
4-45 p.m. G. T. Gillespie and Mrs. Seddon Vs. O. Sutton and Mrs. Sutton.
5-30 p.m. G. D. Bhagat and Man Mohan Vs. P. F. Kekobad and A. Owen.

COURT NO. 3

4 p.m. P. F. Kekobad Vs. M. R. Row.
4-30 p.m. J. E. Tew and F. Bekkevold Vs. K. V. B. Singh and A. Peermahomed. 5-30 p.m. D. G. Desai and N. S. Shodhan Vs. S. A. Azim and M. V. Bobjee.

COURT NO. 4

4 p.m. L. M. Khatau Vs. A. E. Owen.
4-45 p.m. I. N. Laljee Vs. D. M. Pereira.
5-30 p.m. A. J. Wadia and P. P. Kergaumwalla Vs. J. Charanjiva and J. N. Kantawala.

COURT NO. 5

4 p.m. A. J. Wadia Vs. N. Harada.
4-45 p.m. J. J. Ghia Vs. S. S. Shirgaokar (Plate).
5-30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Tew Vs. Miss Mehta and K. K. Dastur.

COURT NO. 6

4 p.m. R. N. Pandit Vs. N. S. Shodhan.
4-45 p.m. C. C. Kaji Vs. N. M. Damle (Plate).
5-30 p.m. Dr. Sanghani Vs. A. Peermahomed.

COURT NO. 7

4 p.m. S. A. Azim Vs. J. R. Sanghani.
4-45 p.m. A. Shivdasani Vs. K. L. Dalaya (Plate).
5-30 p.m. Miss Jhangiani and Miss Shroff Vs. Miss Row and Miss Woodbridge.

COURT NO. 8

4 p.m. N. D. Sethna Vs. J. Charanjiva.
4-45 p.m. V. P. Khatau Vs. Y. M. Bhave (Plate).
5-30 p.m. C. M. Khatau Vs. J. H. Wadia (Plate).

G. K. Challenge Shield Cricket Tourney

KHAR, Feb. 12.

The Gordhandas Karsondas Challenge Shield was annexed by the Youth's Cricket Club, of Santa Cruz. They beat the Vile Parle Association by 39 runs in the final of the cricket tournament for which the Shield is offered.

Scores:—

YOUTHS CLUB	85 and 106
VILE PARLE ASSOCIATION	78 and 74

Hockey Championships

Y. M. C. A. And G. I. P. Easily Earn Promotion

Y. M. C. A.	7:	Reserve Bank	0
G. I. P. (Hedquarters)	4:	B. E. S. T.	0

The winners of both matches down for decision in Bombay Provincial Hockey Championships earned easy promotion. The Y.M.C.A. trounced the Reserve Bank Sports Club to the tune of seven goals to nil. In the late game the G.I.P. Railway (Headquarters) got the better of the B.E.S.T by four clear goals.

Y. M. C. A. WIN

As indicated by the score seven love the Reserve Bank did not have much say in the issue of the evening against the Y.M.C.A. This was particularly so in the second period, when the Reserve Bank allowed their opponents to penetrate their defence half a dozen times. In the early half they struggled against a superior combination and let the Y.M.C.A get through only once.

The teams were:—

Y.M.C.A.:—Sequeira, Almeida and Wilson; Shanugan, O'Connor and Gerard, Sarwan, Thomas, Jenkins, Suares and Biswas.

RESERVE BANK:—W. Noronha; W. Martyres and A. Otter; J. de Lima, A. Sadgunn and L. Pereira; G. Rebello, G. Mendonca, I. Stephens, Mathias and G. D'Mello.

B. E. S. T. FARE BADLY

Fans expected the B.E.S.T. to offer stiffer opposition to the G.I.P. Railway (Headquarters), than they put up on Thursday evening in the championship. They were, however, disappointing and except for occasional spell of brightness, were a beaten team throughout. Had Latif and Hakim concentrated more on the task of scoring than playing to the gallery, the B.E.S.T. would have had a big score registered against them. Early in the match Hakim scored for the Railway after the Tramway custodian had saved brilliantly from Latif. This goal was the beginning of the end and after more-or-less maintained pressure, Latif scored a second goal. There was no further scoring in the initial thirty minutes.

The second half was a repetition of the first phase of the game and before the final whistle were two more points were netted by the Railway. Latif and Hakim being responsible.

The teams were:—

G. I. P. HEADQUARTERS: Dawson, Carvalho and Ross; Rahman, Marsh and E. Bocarro; Gaidey, Hakim, Latif, M. Bocarro and Tellis.

B. E. S. T.:—R. Faria; S. Olivera and L. Fonseca, J. Elisha, R. Elliott and J. Vaz; G. Fernandes, C. D'Souza, R. Wilson, B. Gardner and J. D'Souza.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

B. P. H. A. Ground 4 p.m. Singham Brothers Hockey XI Vs. No. III Fortress Company R. E., (A.F.I.); 5-15 p.m. Bombay City Vs. Teen Sports Club.

Karachi Hockey

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI Feb 13.

The Karachi Goan Association "A" beat the D. J. Sind College by two goals to one in the opening match of the All-India Charlotte Cabral Hockey Shield Tournament.

For the winners L. Pinto and D. Mascarenhas tallied. A. Braganza gave the College its only point.

Yadavendra Hockey

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13.

Patiala Cubs entered the quarter-final of the Yadavendra Hockey Tournament by defeating the District Hockey Association, Aligarh, in their replay by three goals to one.

In the second round the Rampur State XI defeated the Oriental Sports by two goals to nil, the Army Headquarters "A" battered the Cosmopolitan Hockey Club, Ludhiana, by three goals to nil and the Muslim Sporting, Kamptee, beat the F. F. Rifles by one goal to nil.—A. P.

Punjab Tennis Championships

LAHORE, Feb. 13.

Five matches were played this afternoon in the Punjab Tennis Championships, which opened at the Gymkhana Courts.

The results were:—

MEN'S SINGLES (OPEN):— C. L. Savara beat Elvers 6-2, 6-3; S. L. R. Sawhny beat Asghar Mian 6-2, 6-0.

WOMEN'S SINGLES (OPEN): Mrs. Cooper beat Miss Aziz 6-3, 0-6, 6-1; Mrs. Massey beat Miss Nolda 6-2 6-0.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Mrs. H. Lal and Mrs. G. W. Lal beat Mrs. Eliott and Mrs. Abel 6-0, 6-3.—A. P.

Madras Olympics

MADRAS, Feb 13.

136 competitors are taking part in the Madras Presidency Olympic sports which commence to-morrow at the Y.M.C.A. School of Physical Education at Saidapet.

The Pentathlon Championship which is held separately has been won by R. Devadasan of the Y.M.C.A. School of Physical Education.—A. P.

Will Bombay Beat Bengal?

PROF. T. P. DARUWALLA REPEATS WEIGHT LIFTING CHALLENGE.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Prof. T. P. Daruwalla, is at present in the city to throw a challenge to one and all to beat his record—for all India—of lifting a weight of 295 lbs. with his teeth, for three minutes! This feat, which he claims to be an All-India record, he performed in Calcutta lately, and his challenge made there to any physical culturist to beat his performance has remained unaccepted yet.

His presence in Bombay to repeat the challenge on this side of India has evoked considerable interest among the city's physical culturists, athletes and sportsmen.

Punjab Revenue Remissions

LAHORE, Feb. 13.

Total remissions allowed by the Punjab Government in Abiana and land revenue in respect of the Rabi crop of 1939-40, amounted to Rs. 13,20,232.

Remissions under ordinary Kharaba rules amounted to about Rs. 9,38,000 and special remissions to about Rs. 3,82,000.—A. P.

KOLHAPUR: Shrimant Abasaheb Himmatbahadur Chavan died at 3-30 early on the morning of Feb. 13 by chronic kidney diseases at the age of 65 years.

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the highest school standard for those appearing in English as well as the regional languages; i.e., the passing of Matriculation, or the Cambridge Certificate Examination for those appearing in English and the Primary School Leaving Certificate examination for those appearing in the regional languages. As the Hospital work is carried out in English, persons who have passed the Primary School Leaving Certificate Examination should have a knowledge of English upto the III Standard of a Secondary School."

The proceedings of the day concluded with refreshments and a variety entertainment.

Earlier in the forenoon the meeting passed a resolution demanding a thorough revision of the Hindu Law relating to marriage, divorce, guardianship and women's rights to property.

TO-MORROW'S MEETING

The meeting on Saturday will begin at 10-30 in the morning and not at 11 as announced previously.

Work-Houses For Convicted Beggars

Bombay Presidency Women's Council Urges Legislation For Compulsory Segregation Of Lepers

The Bombay Presidency Women's Council at its meeting passed the following resolution on the Beggar Problem in the City on Thursday, afternoon.

"This Conference is of the opinion that the Beggar Nuisance continues to be one of the most urgent and difficult problems awaiting solution in the City of Bombay. It urges the continuance and expansion of all efforts to educate the public regarding modern principles of poor relief; the enabling of Charitable Trusts to utilise funds for the relief of helpless beggars belonging to various Communities, and the stricter enforcement of the Law as it affects beggars. It further urges that Magistrates should give the Maximum penalty in the case of habitual able-bodied beggars, and suggests that by using the Dhunbai Home and the Sir J. J. Dharamsala as a nucleus, steps should be taken to establish work-houses to which Courts might be empowered to send convicted beggars."

LEPER NUISANCE

The existence of a serious leper nuisance in the city was pointed out by Dr. Jerbanoo Mistri and Mrs. Jer N. Gobhai.

In this connection, the meeting decided that a strong representation be made to the Government for immediate enactment of legislation for the compulsory segregation of all lepers.

After Dr. Sir Mangaldas Mehta and Dr. Miss J. E. Mistri spoke on the need for the enhancement of the minimum standard of education for entrants to the nursing profession, the following resolution was adopted.

"Resolved that this meeting of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council is of opinion that there should be a uniformity in the minimum standard of education for admission to the Nursing Course. The Standard should be

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Third Day Of Big Meeting

The following are the Acceptances and Order of Running for the Third Day of the Bombay Big Meeting, to be run at Mahalaxmi on February 15.

THE KOLHAPUR PLATE (Div. II). Dist.—7 furlongs.

To be ridden by Half Jockeys and Riding Boys on even terms.

Great Star 9-2, Sallal Pasha 8-9, Dahman Fadhil 8-6, John Wilkes 8-6, Nur Jehan 8-6, Starlight 7-9, Burgess 8-2, Marshal 8-2, Jawahir Pasha 8-0, Spitfire 8-0, Shanghai 8-0, Taj Subhan 8-0, Laha 7-11, Sheriff 7-9.

THE GATWICK PLATE (Div. II). Dist.—1 mile.

Torch Royal 9-0, Neocell 9-0, Bastion 9-0, Full Bloom 8-11, Torquemada 8-9, Terrace 8-5, Chitor 8-2, Sedgefield 8-2, Sir Amos 8-0, King of Sports 7-11, Hautboy 7-9, Dante 7-9, Newdigate 7-9, La Concorde 7-7.

THE GATWICK PLATE (Div. I). Dist.—1 mile.

Gloaming 9-4, Calf Love 9-0, Albertine 8-11, So That's That 8-9, Ministrone 8-9, Dabbs 8-9, Tipperary 8-0, Meadow 8-0, Ballinahown 7-11, Shadrach 7-11.

THE EVE CHAMPION STAKES Dist.—1 1/4 miles.

Gay Spaniard 8-13, Fable 8-10, Philderer 8-6, Orange Flower 8-6, Masked Raider 8-6, Prominent 8-6, Ishtay 8-6, News 8-6, So What 8-6.

THE MANTON PLATE. Dist.—6 furlongs.

Eastern Pride 9-0, Flying Orders 9-0, Pompeian 9-0, Chhatrasal 8-10, Diamond Ring 8-10, Meddlesome 8-7, Valkyrian 8-3, Good Care 8-0, Mahboob 8-0, Sir Robin 7-12, Holly Garth 7-12.

THE BOMBAY ARAB DERBY. Dis..—(About) 1 1/2 miles.

Faruq Pasha 9-2, Seventh Heaven 9-2, Banash Amer 8-2, Nada'a al Bari 8-9, Amar Jot 8-5, Hikmat Pasha 7-8.

THE KIRKEE PLATE. Dist.—6 furlongs.

Lion Tamer 9-2, Princess Mumtaz 8-13, Mazarin 8-11, Captain Blood 8-11, Carlyon 8-11, Twine 8-7, Bay Nazir 8-7, What's Yours 8-7, Call to Arms 7-7, Redouble 8-5, Belop 8-4, Munnylos 8-4, Mountain Daisy 8-4, Potato Jones 8-0, Rafie 8-0, Pomp 7-11.

THE DRUIDS LODGE HANDICAP. Dist.—6 furlongs.

National Flag 9-0, Golden Beam 9-0, Moot Law 8-8, Cosmopolitan 9-0, Hellenikos 8-12, Dancing Comet 8-12, Terror 8-12, Tetrazone 8-10, Scotland For Ever 8-8, Hot Bun II 8-8, Neuvy 8-3.

THE KOLHAPUR PLATE (Div. I.). Dist.—7 furlongs.

Tiger King 9-4, King Hilal 7-13, Young Tiger 9-2, Dahman Suri 9-0, Afilla 8-8, Lion of Lanka 9-0, Star of Lanka 8-10, Lu'ayb 8-8, Star of Kashmir 8-6, Taj al Farat 8-4, Walk Over 8-0, Zain ul Muluk 7-13, Wheel of Fortune 7-7, Fadhli Minshad 7-7, Dalli al Iraq 7-4.

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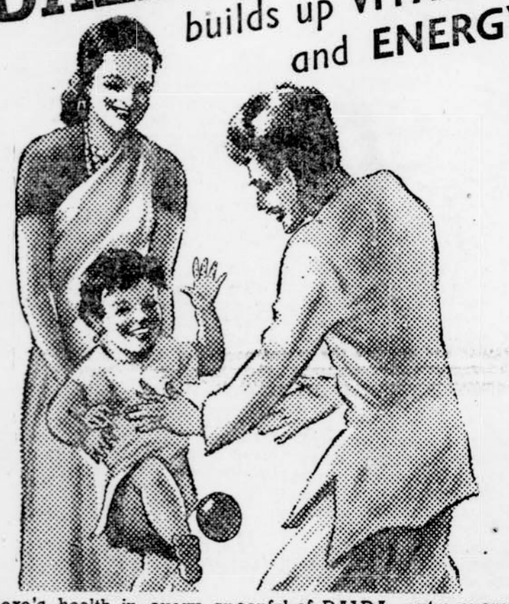

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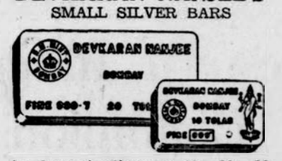

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Fate Of Non-Official Bill In Central Assembly

Azhar Ali Withdraws His Motion: Provinces To Be Consulted On Issue Of Unqualified Persons Acting As Pleaders

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13.

Non-official bills were discussed in the Assembly to-day.

Mr. Azar Ali moved consideration of his bill to amend the Indian Railways Act to give relief to certain low paid railway employees from certain district board or municipal taxes.

After some discussion during which the Bill was opposed by the Communications Member and Mr. M. S. Aney the Bill was withdrawn.

WHY THIS PRIVILEGE?

Sir Andrew Clow, Communications Member, opposing the Bill said that the mover was in error both as regards law and the facts. The House, he pointed out, had no power to exempt servants of the Central Government or any one from Provincial taxation, and the provisions of the Bill would be held to be "ultra vires." Nor was there any reason why railway servants should be placed in a privileged position in comparison with others getting the same salary. It was true that the Railway Board had granted exemption to which the mover referred, but the Board in those days were in some obscurity as regards Provincial and Central spheres of taxation. They had later discovered the error and were now paying the tax themselves of subordinates and not of gazetted officers. The Railway Board were hesitating to take away the privilege because it would be regarded as a hardship.

Mr. B. M. Staig, Financial Commissioner, said Government were not prepared to undertake any further liabilities.

Mr. Azar Ali said he had no alternative but to withdraw the Bill, but suggested that the Railway Member should try to find a way of giving relief to the poorer railway employees.

NO DEARTH OF PLEADERS

The House agreed to circulation of Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's bill to amend the code of Criminal Procedure so as to repeal the provision allowing private unqualified people to appear and act as pleaders in criminal cases with the permission of the court.

The provision, Mr. Navalrai said, served some purpose in the old days when qualified pleaders were not easily available and be engaged only at a heavy cost. At present there was no dearth of pleaders and this provision had therefore outlived its object. He dwelt on the abuses to which the provision had lent itself, such as the appearance of retired inspectors of police as pleaders, and magistrates giving patronage to objectionable and half-educated men.

PROVINCIAL SPHERE

Sir Reginald Maxwell, Home Member, moving circulation of the Bill for the purpose of eliciting opinion by July 1, 1941, pointed out that although the subject fell within the concurrent field, the executive authority in the matter rested with the Provinces. Administration of justice was a Provincial subject, and it would not be proper to proceed with the legislation without giving the Provinces an opportunity to comment. That had been the Government of India's practice with regard to subjects on the concurrent list.

The amendment was passed.

ZAFRULLA'S PLEA OF NO JURISDICTION

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai moved that the Bill amending the Land Acquisition Act be taken into consideration. He said that granting of power to the courts of first class sub-judges in the Bombay Presidency and the courts of sub-judges in other Presidencies would avoid the delays now taking place in the decision of cases arising out of the Land Acquisition Act.

Sir Mohd. Zafrulla Khan opposed the Bill on the ground that the Centre had no jurisdiction to pass this legislation. The subject he said fell exclusively within the Provincial jurisdiction according to the Government of India Act.

Mr. Aney raised a point of order to the effect that the question of jurisdiction should not have been raised at the late stage of consideration.

The President ruling the objection out of order said that he was not aware of any rule, procedure or practice which required that any objection to a motion being moved must be taken at any particular stage.

The House rejected Mr. Navalrai's motion.

BILLS INTRODUCED

The following bills were then introduced:

Mr. Q. M. A. Kazmi's Bill providing for the appointment of persons to the office of Kazi and for performing and keeping a record of marriages and for the appointment of tribunals for trying and deciding cases of divorce and dissolution of marriage against Muslims.

Mr. M. M. A. Ghani's Bill providing for the better administration of Muslim Wakfs in the province of Delhi:

Mr. Govind Deshmukh's Bill removing legal disabilities under Hindu law in respect of marriage between Hindus:

Mr. Kazmi's Bill amending the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for certain purposes; and

Mr. Kazmi's Bill amending the Code of Criminal Procedure 1893 for certain purposes.

The House adjourned till to-morrow.—A. P.

Not In Public Interest!

Defence Secretary Evades Vital Questions In Central Assembly

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13.

Questions relating to the defence of India were answered in the Assembly to-day.

Mr. A. N. Chattopadhyaya asked what arrangements had been made for the defence of India in case of any attack by land, sea, or air.

Mr. C. M. G. Ogilvie, Defence Secretary, replied that it was not in public interest to answer this question.

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai asked the Defence Secretary to make a full statement as to the progress made in the mechanisation of the Indian army. Mr. Ogilvie replied that it would not be in the public interest to disclose the details of the progress so far made.

Mr. Kazmi asked whether Indians had been recruited in the mechanised units.

Mr. Ogilvie:— "Yes, Sir. A very large number."

MARTIAL & NON-MARTIAL

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai asked whether Government had abolished their policy, which was of long standing and was objected to by Indians, of recognising martial and non-martial classes.

Mr. Ogilvie replied that Government had never had any such policy.

In reply to a supplementary question Mr. Ogilvie said that Government had never admitted the distinction. The terms martial and non-martial had been coined entirely by politicians, he added.

With regard to the Commander-in-Chief's broadcast speech, Mr. Navalrai asked to what extent the number of Indian officers had been increased in the army. Mr. Ogilvie replied that no Indian candidate who was considered likely to make a good officer had been refused.

Replying to Mr. Navalrai's other questions, the Defence Secretary said that 216 Indians from Dehra Dun had been given Commissions since the beginning of the war and 128 were at present under training there. All recruitment of officers at present was in connection with the war.

The number of Indian officers of all arms recruited since the beginning of the war, commissioned, under training and selected for training was 1,752.

Mr. Ogilvie informed Sardar Sant Singh that Indian officers serving in Egypt received an allowance of Rs. 70 per month. The British officers also received the same amount in Egypt.

In reply to Mr. Govind Deshmukh's question the Defence Secretary supplied the following statement showing Indian personnel reported as prisoners of war and missing, believed prisoners of war:—

PRISONERS OF WAR.

SUDAN:—1. Officer (Lt. Shaukat Hyat Khan). 1 Indian other rank.

FRANCE:—1. Officer (Capt. Anis Ahmad Khan). Two Viceroy's Commissioned officers, seven Indian other ranks, two non-combatants.

MISSING BELIEVED PRISONERS OF WAR

SUDAN:—One Viceroy's Commissioned officer, one Indian other rank.

FRANCE:—Four Viceroy's Commissioned officers, 247 Indian other ranks, and 63 non-combatants.

Mr. Ogilvie added: "As far as we are aware, these prisoners are being treated in accordance with the international convention relative to the treatment of prisoners of war, 1929, of which Germany and Italy are signatories.

Italian prisoners of war are being treated in accordance with the same International Convention.

The cost of maintaining Italian prisoners of war was wholly debitable to His Majesty's Government."

NO GERMAN PRISONERS IN INDIA

Replying to supplementary questions, Mr. Ogilvie said that India had no German prisoners of war. She had a good many thousands of Italian prisoners.

Mr. F. E. James asked whether Government were aware that there were in the United Kingdom a number of Indians, students and non-students, who were desirous of returning to India, but who were unable to obtain the necessary passages, which caused anxiety to their families in India.

INDIANS IN ENGLAND

Sir Reginald Maxwell replied that Government were aware that there were a certain number of Indians in U. K., who were desirous, but for whom shipping accommodation had not so far been available. He referred to the arrival in India by two ships of an appreciable number of Indian children. Since then, he said, owing to shortage of shipping it had not been possible to arrange for further special facilities for families or students. He added: "I regret that I am unable to say when such facilities will be resumed."

Mr. A. N. Chattopadhyaya asked if the Federal Court would be transformed into the Privy Council of India in view of the present war crisis.

FUTURE OF FEDERAL COURT

Sir Reginald Maxwell replied: "Presumably the honourable member has in mind the question of extending the appellate jurisdiction of the Federal Court to cover appeals from the decisions of High Courts in certain civil cases. The matter is under consideration."

DOLLAR EXCHANGE

Dr. Sir Ziauddin asked the Finance Member to supply a statement of the dollar exchange which the Government or the Reserve Bank had acquired since 1st November, 1940, and in what manner Government proposed to use the dollar exchange.

Sir Jeremy Raisman replied that he regretted that he could not give information of this nature as its publication would be contrary to public interest. "Our surplus dollar resources," he added, "are exchanged for sterling and added to the common Empire pool for a payment for essential imports from the United States of America."—A. P.

FUTURE ARMY EXPANSION

Resolution Before Council Of State

NEW DELHI, February 13

Two important resolutions will be discussed in Council of State on February 27, of which one is by Pandit Hirdayanath Kunzru recommending that additional forces required to expand the army which has hitherto been recruited from few classes and areas only, be in future raised from all classes and Provinces in adequate numbers.

The second resolution of Mr. P. N. Sapru recommends to the Governor-General-in-Council to advise the Secretary of State for India to suspend British recruitment to Indian Civil Service during the War.—United Press.

Sjt. Jayantilal Lathi, Secretary of Mandvi D.C.C., was arrested under Defence of India Rules on Thursday.

SHORTAGE IN SHIPPING SPACE

Govt. Of India Explains Situation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13.

The necessities of the war situation in the Middle East are likely to lead, in the near future, to further strain upon the available shipping resources of India. They have arisen at a time, when rice shipments from Burma to India are subject to the normal seasonal increase, and the Government of India, therefore, anticipate some diminution in the supplies arriving from Burma at this time of the year, says a press communique.

This, coupled with unfavourable prospects for rice in some parts of India, may lead to rise in rice prices and to attempt to exploit the situation at the expense of consumers.

The Government of India, therefore, desire to make it clear that the shortage of shipping is purely temporary and that supplies, more in accordance with normal shipments, will be available in due course. The Government of India desire to draw the attention of the mercantile community to these facts, in order to avoid speculative operations and unnecessary price disturbances.—A. P.

MR. RUDRA PRATAP SINGH Vice-President of the F Ward Congress Committee who was arrested on Tuesday.

MR. BATUK DESAI, a city journalist and member of the D Ward Congress Committee who was arrested on Tuesday.

THREE SATYAGRAHIS ARRESTED IN CITY

Moinuddin Harris And Mustafa Fakki Court Jail To-day In Bassein And Bhiwandi

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Messrs. Joachim Alva, leader of the Nationalist Christian Party and a member of the B.P.C.C Jayantilal L. Lathi, Secretary of the "B" Ward Congress Committee, and Mahadev Gopal Savant Secretary of the "D" Ward Congress Committee, were arrested early this morning, at their respective residences, under the Defence of India Rules.

Messrs. Alva and Lathi were taken to Nasik, while Mr. Samant was removed to Thana Jail.

The next batch of Congressmen will offer Satyagraha on Saturday, as Satyagrahis will take a day's respite on Friday.

Three Satyagrahis have been billed for Saturday. Mr. V. G Mahajan, a member of the "E" Ward District Congress Committee, it is learnt, will offer Satyagraha opposite Northcote Police Hospital, Nagpada, at 6-30 p. m. Mr. Anikumar Thakkar, Treasurer of the "F" Ward District Congress Committee, proposes to shout slogans near the Matunga Post Office at 8-30 p. m., while Mr. S. M. Powar, member of the "G" Ward District Congress Committee, is likely to offer Satyagraha near the B. B. and C. I. Railway Station, Dadar, at 6-30 p. m.

Mr. Manohar D. Dandekar, a member of the "D" Ward Congress Committee, was arrested by the Bombay City Police on Tuesday under the Defence of India Rules.

MR. JOACHIM ALVA

MR. HARRIS AND MR. FAKKI TO OFFER SATYAGRAHA TO-DAY

(From Our Correspondent).

THANA, Feb. 12.

Two figures stand out prominent from amongst the number of Satyagrahis from Thana District, who are offering Satyagraha in the course of this month.

One is Mr. Mainuddin Harris the well-known editor of the daily "Ajmal" and an office-bearer of the Journalists' Association. Mr. Harris turned a nationalist rather early in his life. He graduated from Delhi National College in the year 1928. He then came over to Bombay and served for some years on the editorial staff of the "Bombay Chronicle" and for the last twelve years has been editing the daily "Ajmal" in Bombay.

An ardent nationalist, Mr. Harris has sat his face sternly against the doctrine of "Pakistan". Mr. Harris has been a member of the Thana District School Board for the past three years and has been taking a prominent part in the Congress activities. He is offering Satyagraha on Friday the 14th instant at 5-30 p.m. at Bassein.

The other Muslim Satyagrahi is Mr. Mustapha G. Fakki. He resigned recently his public prosecutorship. He keenly abhors the very idea of "Pakistan" being a firm believer in the united India and the Indian National Congress leading the Muslims to the real "Swaraj". Mr. Fakki who is drawn from a rich and highly esteemed family, is popular with all the classes, is thus an asset to the Congress cause. He is offering Satyagraha on Friday the 14th instant at Bhiwandi.

ANDHERI CONGRESS SECRETARY

Will Offer Satyagraha To-morrow

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In the Bombay suburbs, respite for Satyagrahis will continue till February 15, when Mr. Ramratan A. Tripathi, Secretary of the Andheri Congress Committee, will court jail.

In the suburbs 24 Satyagrahis have courted jail, up-to-date and from the list approved by Gandhiji, it appears 26 still remain. All of them are expected to court jail by the end of March.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

The Bombay Students' Union announce an interesting series of war lectures by young and fairly young men. They include—

Mr. G. P. Hutheesing on "War and Democracy", Pro. W. R. Natu on "War and Indian Trade", Mr. M. C. Chagla on "War and Culture", Mr. Purshotam Trikamdas on "War and Working Class", Mr. M. L. Shah on "War and Students", Mr. K. A. Abbas on "War and Films", Dr. K. Menon on "War and Civil Liberties", and Mr. Franc Moraes on "War and Journalism".

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Fictitious telegraphic correspondence between Mr. Sabawala and Signor Mussolini—"Need Good Italian Waiters Taj Improve Our Service Can You Suggest—Sabavala".

Mussolini replied: "Wait For Me Will Shortly Need A Job—Duce."

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I went to a party yesterday the invitation to which was headed: "To Meet Sir Alexander Gray". For a while I was quite perplexed whether I should accept the invitation. So I eventually wrote: "Have already met Sir Alexander Gray, but will still be delighted to come to your party". Which raises the question: Can you meet a person you've already met?

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There is no truth in the rumour that the Purity League have ordered a suit of clothes for the Man of Sorrows.

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Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer said at the opening of the Silver Jubilee Building of the Press Photo Bureau in Madras: "The days of leisurely writing and of elaborate leaders has vanished never to return". I wouldn't like to commit myself, as a journalist on so delicate a point.

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A sure Treble for Saturday—Kashmir's "Steel Helmet" to Talyarkhan's "Tin Hat" to Pepita's "Wubba Dolly".

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

BANANA BOAT MYSTERY

JUST BETWEEN US AGENTS—

STEALING THE NOTE WHICH SAM SHALLET LEFT FOR CHARLIE CHAN, TREVOR LEARNS THAT SHALLET IS GOING TO GIVE INFORMATION TO THE DETECTIVE. HE GOES TO SHALLET'S CABIN AND FINDS HIMSELF FACING SHALLET'S GUN—
10-16
YOUR GAME'S UP, TREVOR! I KNOW YOU'RE THE ENEMY AGENT ON MY TRAIL!
YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET THE PLANS FOR THE DEFENSE OF ZONE 44, WHICH YOU LEARNED I'M TAKING TO AMERICA!
Alfred Andriola
VERY CLEVER, SHALLET—ALL THIS PLAY ACTING ABOUT MACAWS AND MENAGERIES TO COVER UP YOUR REAL BUSINESS!
—BUT IT DIDN'T CONVINCE ME! I KNEW YOU WERE MY MAN!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO—SHOOT ME?
WE'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR CHARLIE CHAN! BUT IF YOU TRY TO GET AWAY—I WILL SHOOT!
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